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FOOTBALL FAN'S VISIT TO COSTA TURNS INTO A HOLMES WIN

Eamonn Holmes points out Paul Starkey at Costa

CHRONICLE reader Paul Starkey found himself caught up in some friendly football banter with a television celebrity during a visit to a Cannock coffee shop.

The West Bromwich Albion supporter fell into conversation with none other than Sky TV anchorman Eamonn Holmes.

"I was in Costa Cannock Orbital on Saturday with my wife Justine and our two boys Will and Sam," Paul said.

"While we were in Costa, I noticed a chauffeur-driven people carrier pull up on the car park, and Eamonn Holmes got out and came in. As soon as he walked in, he made eye contact and said hello.

"I asked him 'What brings you to Cannock?' and he explained he was on his way to Old Trafford to watch his beloved Manchester United play against West Bromwich Albion.

"I told him that I was a West Brom fan, and we had a bit of banter over the score!"

Friendly

Not wishing to miss the opportunity of being pictured with such a famous face, Paul took a selfie of the pair as a souvenir.

"A few minutes later, his wife Ruth Langsford walked in," Paul added.

"They were both very friendly and also took time to speak to my wife and boys."

As for the football, both men would have been pleased with the outcome at Old Trafford – a 0-0 draw.

The TV presenter with wife Ruth Langsford

ANGER AT 'CRUEL' PLAY AREA ARSON

BY CARL JACKSON

MINDLESS vandals set fire to a play park prompting widespread outrage from the community. The equipment at Coppy Nook park off Hospital Road, Burntwood, was destroyed and left blackened after the fire on Monday.

Witnesses saw the site engulfed in 10ft flames at about 9pm. The park is on fields which are the home ground for Burntwood Dragons and Phoenix Football Club. Every weekend dozens of youngsters descend on the site for matches, and families living nearby flock to use the park.

Witnesses saw the park engulfed in flames

Luke Machen, trustee at Burntwood Phoenix and Dragons Football Club, said: "It's a travesty when our community assets are targeted in this way.

"Coppy Nook playing fields in Hospital Road, Burntwood, has been our spiritual home of football for some time now, and everyone at the club is in shock."

Local councillor Sue Woodward said: "It's awful, because this is the newest park in Hammerwich. People are devastated by this. It's a cruel and devastating blow for families in the area."

Awful

Others also reacted on social media. The fire provoked anger on community Facebook group Burntwood Mums.

Samantha Turner said: "Disgrace. So very sad that someone would do this."

Gemma Dixon posted: "This is absolutely awful, so sad, who would do this?"

Penny Newman called for better surveillance of the area. She said: "Surely there should be some CCTV or something around there."

Staffordshire Police said they would be investigating the case as criminal damage.

The park was opened in August 2014 with the then brand-new play equipment installed to serve the expanding communities of Hammerwich and Burntwood.

Fresh call as A&E for children closed

THE permanent closure of emergency services for children at Stafford's County Hospital is to be raised with the Department of Health by a local MP.

The children's emergency centre was suspended in August due to safety fears. And hospital bosses confirmed this week that the services will not be reinstated.

The minor injuries unit will remain while the hospital moves towards an 'urgent care centre' model within six months.

Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy is taking up the matter with the DoH calling for a proper consultataion over the changes.

From garden shed to vintage tearoom

Former Shed of the Year runner-up Steve Worrallo takes a break in Tea For Two

CANNOCK man Steve Worrallo spent years turning the shed in his back garden into a pub – and finished runner-up in the Shed of the Year competition in 2016.

But second place wasn't enough, so he transformed a second shed next to it into a charming tearoom.

He spent the whole winter renovating the shed – named Tea For Two – in the hope of bringing home the coveted title of Shed of the Year 2017. He said: "I've worked hard for this and I think I deserve it."

Steve was never a carpenter by trade but was always interested in picking up the relevant skills when he was a teenager.

The pub features a full bar including eight pumps, stools, records glued to the ceiling and even a decorative disco mirror ball.

● To see more of Tea For Two turn to Page 5

CONGESTION

Extra staff parking lined up at hospital

PLANS to create new staff parking spaces at Cannock Chase Hospital have been submitted in an effort to ease congestion.

The plans, submitted to Cannock Chase District Council by the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust, will see 11 extra spaces created on Stafford Road specifically for staff. Currently the site is used as an undefined parking area and bosses hope that by making it available to staff, congestion during peak periods and shift changes will be eased.

The application reads: "The scheme has been designed to reduce congestion on site with the current car park access, without having major impact upon the existing public highway infrastructure."

PUBS

Same again for The Cross Keys

THE Cross Keys in Hill Street, Hednesford, has once again been named Cannock Chase Camra Pub of the Year.

Runner-up was The Rag in Ironstone Road, Rawnsley, which is a former Pub of the Season and has recently opened its own on-site brewery.

Third place went to The Bridge in Cannock Road, Hednesford – another former Pub of the Season.

The Cross Keys has been Cannock Pub of the Year every year since the Camra branch was formed.

CRIME

Two homes in same street are burgled

TWO homes in the same street were burgled within hours of each other.

The properties in Springfield Avenue, Rugeley, were targeted between Monday night and Tuesday morning.

The first incident happened at 3.45am when an intruder forced the back door and stole a purse and car key. Other belongings were discovered on the nearby canal path. The resident was in at the time and was woken by their dogs barking.

In the second incident, which could have happened any time that night, a burglar broke into a porch and outhouse but nothing was reported stolen.

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All change for school's top teachers

Barry Worth – 'privilege'

A DEPUTY headteacher will be leaving a Staffordshire school to take up a new position in Shropshire.

Barry Worth will step down from his post at Wolgarston High School, in Penkridge, after securing a new role as headteacher of Bridgnorth Endowed School.

He joined Wolgarston in 2012 and in the past 12 months he has taken on an additional challenge, deputising for Wolgarston High School's headteacher Phil Tapp, enabling Mr Tapp to take on a new mantle as the principal of The Penk Valley Federation of Schools. Mr Worth said: "I have enjoyed my time at Wolgarston High School immensely.

"It has been my privilege to have worked with students, staff, parents and governors in creating a school we can all be proud of.

Start

"I am excited by the challenge ahead, and I wish everyone at Wolgarston every success in the future."

School leaders at Wolgarston said they would now be looking for a replacement in time for the start of the new academic year in September. Mr Tapp said: "It's a nice problem to have. It's exciting to think about who may come and join us as his replacement.

"They have big boots to fill, but that will guarantee they are the very highest calibre.

"Wolgarston's reputation as one of the best schools in England is spreading rapidly and we are already gaining interest from top candidates from across the country.

"As for Barry, I am delighted for him. In the past five years he has more than shown his excellent qualities as a leader and an incredibly effective educator."

Call to get ex-miners money they deserve

COUNCILLORS are calling on MPs to tackle the 'gross injustice' which is seeing former miners have part of their pension taken from them.

Mining plays a huge part in the history of Cannock and Rugeley, with Lea Hall Colliery once recognised as the biggest of its type in Europe, breaking records for coal production.

This week, ahead of yesterday's Cannock Chase Council meeting, Councillor Tony Johnson urged the Public Accounts Committee to conduct an independent scrutiny of the Mineworkers' Pension Scheme (MPS).

Currently, the UK government takes 50 per cent of any surplus earned by the MPS from its investments as part of a guarantee.

Councillor Johnson, who worked as a miner himself for 17 years, said: "This is a gross injustice. This money has been, and continues to be, taken from people and communities in former coal mining areas such as our own that can least afford it. The money removed from the pension scheme is vastly out of proportion to the risk covered by the Treasury.

Changed

"I want the council to request that the Public Accounts Committee conduct an independent scrutiny of this extremely unfair arrangement, and call on the MP for Cannock Chase to take up the case for further action in Parliament. To me, this is only fair, we want the money back that we paid in, the same as anyone in any line of work."

Cannock Chase coalfields once supported 48 mines, with the last – Littleton – closing in 1993. Councillor George Adamson, leader of Cannock Chase Council, said: "This is money that should be going directly to the miners who deserve it.

"This is money that they are entitled to, and I believe that Councillor Johnson is right to bring this up.

"Getting this changed would also benefit Cannock as a town, because more money would be brought in to residents which would then be spent at local businesses.

"Mining is a huge part of our history, perhaps the single most important of our history."

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Latest image of designer outlet village

A bird's eye artist impression of how the new Mill Green designer outlet village will look

THIS stunning image shows how Cannock's multi-million pound new designer outlet village will look.

The latest artist impression of Mill Green, which is available on its website, shows how the layout of the site will look, particularly in terms of parking and its open plan.

Construction work is yet to officially begin on site. However, there has been no delay to the schedule.

This work was not due to start until autumn this year, while preparatory work behind the scenes is ongoing.

A spokeswoman for the scheme, which is being handled by U+I and Rioja Developments, said there was no update on the scheme.

Meanwhile, Cannock Chase Council member Colin Lea, who has been kept abreast of the development as he sits on the council's planning committee, confirmed there had been no hold-up with the scheme.

He said: "It is all on schedule." It is hoped the new £115 million development, based off Eastern Way next to the existing Mill Green Nature Reserve, will be similar to Bicester Village near Oxford.

It is pencilled in to open in early 2018 and is set to feature 130 shops plus restaurants, a large play area, a visitor centre and a multi-storey car park with 2,000 spaces.

The village, previously described as 'the biggest development of its kind in the West Midlands', will create more than 1,200 jobs.

Takeover of Treetops in £93m deal by Busy Bees

STAFFORDSHIRE-BASED childcare company Busy Bees has paid out £93 million for one of its biggest-ever takeover deals – snapping up nursery operator Treetops.

Busy Bees is already the largest childcare provider in the UK, with 8,000 staff looking after more than 35,000 children.

The latest acquisition brings the number of nurseries it runs in the UK to 329.

The Burntwood-headquarters company has been on the takeover trail for the last four years, since it was bought by Canadian private equity fund Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan.

It is still headed by Marg Randles and John Woodward, two of the founders who opened the first Busy Bees nursery in Lichfield, The Rocklands, in 1984.

Managing director Ms Randles said: "We are delighted to welcome Treetops Nurseries into the Busy Bees family."

Treetops Nurseries chief executive Charles Eggleston said: "Since opening our first nursery in 1991, we have built up one of the most successful nursery businesses in the UK. It has been a fantastic team effort.

"I genuinely believe Busy Bees will continue the Treetops ethos and help us build upon the tremendous success we have achieved. "

Based in Derby, Treetops now provides childcare for more than 6,000 youngsters and employs in excess of 1,300 people, running 61 nurseries mostly in the East and South East of England. The takeover deal was expected to be completed this week.

Alert as driver approaches girl

PARENTS are being reminded to warn their children of the dangers of walking home from school after a man tried to entice a girl into his van.

The incident happened on March 23 as the girl walked home from Chadsmoor Juniors. She was approached by a man who tried to persuade her to get into his plain white van but the girl refused and ran home to safety.

In a letter, parents are being asked to remind their children of the dangers.

Part of the letter read: "It is worth reminding your children, particularly those who travel home alone for all or part of their journey, of the need to be wary of potentially dangerous situations and what to do, so that they feel confident that they have the knowledge and strategies to protect themselves."

It's ladies only in night at town bar

MALE strippers, a drag act and a party DJ provide the entertainment at a ladies' night in Cannock later this month.

The evening takes place at Bar Sport, High Green, on April 13 with tickets at £5.

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By George – pub joins in bid to set new record

A RUGELEY pub has joined forces with 23 others across the UK to try and set a new record on St George's Day.

Stags Leap in Wolseley Road, is part of the Generous George family of pubs, and during the celebration weekend of April 23, plans to set a new record for the largest gathering of people named George across all of its sites.

The pub is calling on Georges, Georgies, Georginas, Georgias and even Mr and Mrs George to stand up and be counted at a family fun day.

Pub manager Karina Rogers said: "We did this for the first time last year and as a group of 13 pubs, managed to get 172 different Georges together to mark the day. Over the past year, the Generous George chain has really grown, so this year, there will be 24 different sites marking the occasion.

"Just like last year, we'll be hosting a family fun weekend to appeal to guests of all ages, inviting them to enjoy the entertainment and activities.

"Each adult George showing proof of their name that day will get a pint, glass of wine or soft drink of their choice, while young Georges will get a free ice-cream as a thank you for taking part and helping us to set a new Generous George record."

Visitors can find out more about what Stags Leap has in store on its Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/stagsleappubrugeley/ which will post updates for anyone interested in taking part in the fun.

Social aspirations take centre stage

A DRAMA group is bringing the play which gave Leonard Rossiter his big break to Cannock.

Semi Detached, the hilarious 1960s comedy by David Turner, is being performed by Tower Players at the Prince of Wales Centre, from April 25 to 27, at 7.30pm each night.

The play centres on Fred Midway, a successful insurance salesman who lives with his wife in a semi-detached in leafy Dowlihull, but dreams of being completely detached.

When a chain of complications for the Midway children threatens the family's social aspirations, Fred deviously resolves the situation.

Tickets are £12, from the Church Street centre's box office on 01543 578762 or at www.wlct.org

Ramblers hunt for newcomers

THERE is no local walk from Chase Ramblers this Sunday as members are enjoying their annual weekend in Torquay.

Walks resume next weekend. New walkers are always welcome.

Eddie drops in to share his memories

Eddie the Eagle – 'things are really busy'

EDDIE the Eagle landed in Staffordshire to share tales of his inspirational life which saw him become Britain's first Olympic ski jumper in more than half a century – and the last.

Yet, despite his infectious personality and wacky charm shooting him to world fame at the 1988 Winter Olympics, he has spent most of his time since then plastering and decorating, he said. However, things have been busier since the film about his life, starring Hugh Jackman and Christopher Walken, was released last year.

Speaking at Perton Golf Club, Eddie said: "I have been opening shopping centres, golf course, hotels and doing fundraisers ever since.

"Obviously when the Winter Olympics comes around things get busier again. But when things slow down I go back to plastering and building which keeps me fit and is always something to fall back on."

He added: "Things are really busy at the moment since the film. I'm doing five to ten events a week. It's great because the movie is telling my story to a whole younger audience. You would have to be at least 35 to 40 to remember what happened. Now people in their 20s, teenagers and kids know about my story which is really nice."

Eddie was the guest of honour at a black tie evening to mark the 60th anniversary of Tettenhall Round Table.

Its president Richard Unwin said: "We're a social club for like-minded men who also do good work in the community.

"We like to say we do more than four men in a pub would do. We have lots of skiers at the Round Table so to have Eddie here has been fantastic."

Dozens caught using a phone at the wheel

MORE than 160 motorists in Staffordshire were caught using their mobile phones while driving in the first month since strict new rules were brought in.

Penalties for motorists caught using their phones doubled from March 1, so being caught using a mobile phone while driving now carries a penalty of six points and a £200 fine.

The change in the law was marked by a seven-day police crackdown.

Figures released by Staffordshire Police have revealed that 162 motorists were caught using their phone while driving in the county in the month leading up to April 1.

It came against a background of studies which have found that driver reaction times when using a mobile phone are 30 per cent slower than someone who is just above the drink drive limit.

The studies also found that reactions were 50 per cent slower than under normal driving conditions.

Comply

Research also indicates that drivers using mobile phones are four times more likely to be involved in a crash involving damage to property or serious injury

A Staffordshire Police spokesperson said: "Between 1 March and 30 March we have issued 162 tickets for driving while using a mobile phone.

"The drivers are given 28 days to comply.

"If they don't comply, they are reported for summons, which is heard at court," the spokesperson added.

A week-long crackdown to emphasise the introduction of the law changes saw the Central Motorway Policing Group catch out 117 drivers for being distracted at the wheel on routes around the region.

The locations included busy stretches of road such as the M6, M5 and M42.

Both marked and unmarked vehicles were being used to catch motorists illegally using their phones or any other mobile technology to make calls, text or browse the internet.

These included a white HGV cab which allows officers to be at the same level as lorry drivers to spot those breaking the law.

It means that the officers can look down on unsuspecting motorists in cars or other light vehicles.

Staffordshire milkman Carl Price is up for a top award

Carl now floated as the top milkman

STAFFORDSHIRE milkman Carl Price is in touching distance of reaching the final of a top competition.

Carl is one of just six to reach the semi-finals of a competition to be crowned milk&more Milkman of the Year 2017 on April 24. The competition received 10,000 nominations from customers across England and Wales.

Fifty-two-year-old Carl currently serves the Brownhills, Norton Canes, Heath Hayes and Hednesford areas. He says his favourite part of the job is working outdoors, meeting his customers and the relationships he has built with them throughout his career.

"I am so pleased to be recognised for a job I love, by people I consider friends."

A milkman for 33 years, he added: "It's my goal to make sure that my customers have everything they need, when they need it, so to be nominated by them means the world to me."

Ron Rennie, operations manager at milk&more's in Wolverhampton, said: "Carl goes above and beyond for his customers. He has been known to run errands and change the odd lightbulb."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Could 'Iron' Mike Tyson be on way?

BOXING legend Mike Tyson – once known as the 'Baddest man on the Planet' – could be coming to Cannock.

The notorious former world champion, who also been in various Hollywood films, is in pipeline to deliver 'An Evening With . . .' show at the town's Bar Sport, owner Scott Murray has said – although nothing has been confirmed at this stage.

If Tyson is secured it will top off another stellar year for the venue with boxing stars Tony Bellew and Ray 'Boom Boom' Mancini also announced for the coming months.

Sharp increase in drone complaints

THE number of drone incidents being reported across the West Midlands and Staffordshire has increased dramatically, new figures show.

West Midlands Police dealt with four times as many incidents last year compared with the year before, while Staffordshire Police dealt with three times as many.

The figures, revealed after a Freedom of Information request, show West Midlands Police recorded 121 incidents in 2016.Staffordshire Police recorded 150 last year, compared to 41 and 17 in the previous years.

School pupils raise £100 for Fairtrade

PUPILS in Cannock school held a special assembly as Fairtrade fortnight closed.

Year 13 pupils at Chase Grammar marked the end of their two-week insight into the social, economic and moral issues surrounding the food industry across the globe.

Students could buy Fairtrade snacks and raised more than £100.

Year 11 pupils will form a Fairtrade committee to try achieve Fairtrade status.

Ironman shows it has international appeal

ATHLETES from as far away as Saudi Arabia and New Zealand are preparing to make the journey to Staffordshire to take part in the third annual Ironman 70.3 triathlon.

Nearly 2,200 competitors have signed up to take part in the race, which will take place on June 18.

Although the majority of athletes signed come from the British Isles, the competition has seen athletes from Poland, Senegal, Angola, Lithuania, Hong Kong and Iran signing up.

Church mini-market

A CANNOCK church holds one its popular mini-markets this weekend.

An array of bargains and a cafe serving home-made cakes will be on offer at St Stephen's, Church Bideford Way, from 9.30 to 11.15am on Saturday.

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COUNTY NEWS

Tourism sector being hit hard

IT'S tough going in the tourism and hospitality business in the West Midlands at the moment, according to a new report. Rising inflation hitting household spending and risks over Brexit are thought to be behind the uncertain outlook.

Latest figures suggest one in three operators in the local tourism industry has an above average risk of insolvency – the highest figure for any UK region. The statistics form part of insolvency and restructuring body R3's monthly sector tracking report.

However, the construction sector is among the most stable in the UK.

Region's brews part of range

A PAIR of Black Country breweries are among local suppliers who will have their products sold at Midcounties Co-operative food shops in the West Midlands. The retailer operates 43 shops in the region and is to offer more than 70 new products from 25 drinks producers.

The local beers, ciders and ales include drinks produced in the Midlands, with bottled beers from Sadler's Ales in Lye and Holden's Brewery at Woodsetton. Bewdley Brewery in Worcestershire is also featured in the Best of Our Counties range.

Declutter call to help charity

NEARLY a third of people in the West Midlands feel guilty about the amount of money spent on shopping trips, according to the British Heart Foundation in its Spring Clear Out campaign.

In a survey of more than 2,000 UK adults, secrets across the area were revealed, with men and women hanging onto an average of six items each that no longer fit. The BHF have released the statistics to encourage everyone to declutter and and donate unwanted items to their local BHF shop.

Crews fired up for learning at college

FIREFIGHTERS have gone back to school to brush up their knowledge of the health and social care in order to help vulnerable people.

A total of 17 staff from fire stations in Wolverhampton, Fallings Park and West Bromwich have learnt about infection control, mental health conditions, safeguarding, and equality and diversity so they can respond to certain non-emergency calls.

They have been taught by tutors from City of Wolverhampton College.

Mothers' messages

MORE than a thousand people descended on Drayton Manor Park to mark Mother's Day and achieve a Guinness world record in the process.

A total of 1,139 people wrote heartfelt 'messages to mum', on a giant cork board, breaking the record for the most contributions to a bulletin board.

Potholes: How you stand legally if you need to go for compensation

COUNCILS across the Black Country and Staffordshire are paying out tens of thousands of pounds in compensation as motorists pay the price for the region's potholed roads.

Andy Shaw, partner in the Personal Injury team at Higgs & Sons, sets out the legal position for motorists.

Under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 the authority has a duty to maintain the highway. In considering whether the Highways Authority has breached its duty, the courts will consider

a) The character of the highway, and the traffic which would reasonably be expected to use it

b) The standard of maintenance appropriate, taking into consideration the type of traffic which might use it

c) The state of repair in which a reasonable person would expect to find the highway

d) Whether the highway authority knew or could reasonably have known that the condition of the part of the highway was dangerous

To succeed in a claim for damages for repairs costs or personal injury, a person must prove the highway was in such a condition that it was dangerous to traffic or pedestrians, that the condition was created by the failure to maintain the highway and the injury or damage resulted from such a failure. Whether a pothole is dangerous is open to judicial interpretation. The court will consider the size of the defect and where it was located.

If the claimant is able to prove that the pothole was dangerous, the burden falls on the defendant to prove that they have a defence under Section 58 Highways Act 1980.

If the local authority can prove that they had a reasonable system of inspection and maintenance, they will establish a defence and any claim for damage or personal injury will fail.

Claims for damage are not straightforward and can be difficult to win, particularly if the Local Authority have an adequate inspection and maintenance policy. The burden is on the person making the claim to prove their case.

Anyone wishing to take action should get evidence – photographs ideally taken with a ruler showing the size and nature of the pothole are essential. Report the pothole. A failure by the local authority to repair the defect promptly may help your case.

Hole lot of problems

Village problems – Mark Keegan sent pictures of potholes in Station Road, Common Road and Giggety Lane, just some of the many in Wombourne

Andrew Duff took this picture of Wergs Hall Road in Wolverhampton

Twitter picture of pothole in Carlisle Road from @SteveCannock

D J Baker took this picture in Buchanan Avenue, Walsall

Nick Hodkinson has nominated the A491 through Kingswinford

WITH increasing anger over the state of our roads and councils spending tens of thousands in compensation to drivers, we asked readers to highlight some of the worst potholes in our region.

And we have been overwhelmed by the response with some shocking pictures arriving of small craters in our road network.

A damning report last week revealed that some £1.25 billion is needed to get roads in the West Midlands back into a reasonable condition with one in six needing to be repaired or even facing closure within the next five years. The Annual Local Authority Road Maintenance survey blamed an ageing network, decades of underfunding, increased traffic and wetter winters for the problems.

The Chronicle also revealed last week that some £270,000 has been paid out in compensation to drivers over the last four years by Staffordshire County Council alone.

Given the reports we have received from readers across the whole of Staffordshire and the Black Country, our crumbling roads are peppered with potholes. Nick Hodkinson sent pictures from a stretch of the A491 which he said was badly damaged 'along its whole length between the Wall Heath island through Kingswinford, where it is particularly bad, then out into Wordsley and Amblecote.'

Mark Keegan highlighted potholes in Station Road, Common Road and Giggety Lane in Wombourne. He said: "The ones with the drains are quite dangerous for cyclists."

Andrew Duffy sent in a picture of a wide pothole in Wergs Hall Road in Wolverhampton and even dropped a newspaper in to illustrate the size.

Another crater was sent to us on Twitter showing a pothole in Carlisle Road on the Longford Estate in Cannock. While reader Tracy Taylor flagged up problems in Broad Lane, Bloxwich.

Neil Sheldon, of Halesowen, contacted us to say: "In my job as a Trainer Assessor I now travel all over the West Midlands and I can testify that I have never seen the road network in such a bad condition."

The Chronicle wants to identify the top 10 pothole blackspots in the region to flag up to our councils and we need your help. If you know of any pothole-ridden routes or deep holes please let us know. You can email details of the road, preferably with a picture, your name and any comments you would like to make to Sue.Attwater@expressandstar.co.uk

Or drop us a line at Editorial, The Chronicles, 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES.

Social media campaign to help boost high streets

A 'POP-UP high street' will come to Staffordshire tomorrow (Friday) to mark the launch of a new digital campaign to increase footfall.

More than a dozen shops have taken up marquees in Market Square, Stafford, to promote their businesses for the #WDYT (What do You Think?) campaign.

Stafford is one of a handful of towns to be taking part in the initiative, which aims to increase publicity for high street shops through social media. Shop owners around the town have been taking photos of their businesses, products and services and posting them to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtags #WDYT and #STAFFORD.

Already hundreds of posts have been sent out by owners and customers to promote the town.

Chris Lewis, chair of the Stafford Town Centre Partnership, said: "Our businesses know that the traditional high street has changed over the years and burying your head in the sand is not an option if you want to survive."

"But we want to be clear. Our town centre is not dying – it is evolving.

The event is in Market Square from 10am until 2.30pm.

David Frost CBE, Stoke-on- Trent and Staffordshire Local Enterprise partnership chairman, said: "This initiative is a great example of the forward-thinking and innovative attitude of our local businesses.

"It is important to use opportunities such as social media to the full to help create vibrant town centres."

Club set to host saint celebration

HARRISONS Sports & Social Club in Wharwell Lane, Great Wyrley, is to host a St George's Day event on Saturday, April 22.

A walking procession will leave at midday and take in a route around the village. It will be led by St George on his Shire Horse, Cheslyn Hay Boys Brigade Band, and St George (George Turner-Guy, aged 10) and his English Rose (Lauren Dudley-Mowe, 11) riding on a shire horse and dray.

They will be accompanied by Great Wyrley Cubs and Brownies with The Dragon, and 196 Squadron RAF Cadets and members of the public.

The event will raise funds for Great Wyrley Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. A fete will follow at Harrisons from 2pm to 4pm. For further information, contact 01922 414647.

Talk will take a look at building cathedrals

THE speaker for Norton Canes Local History Society's meeting on Tuesday, April 11, is Keith Cattell with a talk on 'The Cathedral Builders'.

The society meet at the library in Burntwood Road, Norton Canes. Doors open at 7pm. Admission is free.

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You can all join in, say county day organisers

WITH less than a month to go until Staffordshire Day, organisers are asking families to clear their diaries for a countywide line-up of celebrations.

A vintage market, music and food festivals and dozens of other events are running throughout the celebrations in what has become an annual fixture in the county's tourism calendar.

Joining in are some of the county's top attractions which will be offering special offers on the day.

A host of competitions are being run, with attraction tickets, meals and hotel stays on offer.

Community events last year included a theatre performance at Woodseaves Village Hall and arts and crafts workshops at the Spark Children's Centre in Burntwood. It is hoped now that communities will once again put together their own celebrations to help show the world why they love Staffordshire.

Janene Cox, Staffordshire County Council's commissioner for culture and communities, said: "Last year's first ever Staffordshire Day was a huge success and this year, with lots more great events planned, we hope to make the day even bigger and better."

The date for Staffordshire Day was chosen as May 1 by the public in 2015 and marks the anniversary of the founding of Staffordshire's world-famous Wedgwood pottery company in 1759. Go to Enjoy Staffordshire's Facebook page – www.facebook.com/enjoystaffs/ – and Twitter account – twitter.com/EnjoyStaffs – for details.

Guild celebrates 30th anniversary

TOWNSWOMEN Guild members in Great Wyrley celebrate the group's 30th anniversary next week.

The guild's monthly meeting takes place on April 11 at Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church, Walsall Road. It now has 103 members after opening with just nine in 1987.

Celebrations continue with a party night on Friday, April 28 at Old Wyrley Hall, Olde Hall Lane, on Friday, April 28. Entertainment will come from Tim Rooney and singing duo the 2Ds and there will be a buffet.

The guild meets on the second Tuesday each month and enjoys speakers, plus social and theatre outings, lunches out and a regular coffee morning, as well as a Book Club and Drama Club.

Police in appeal over drug reports

SUSPECTED drug dealing has been reported in Burntwood prompting a police appeal for information.

Officers have been told of activity in Springhill Road and near a garage off Queen Street. Call police on 101.

Retailer leaves town after 28 years

Val Bailey – 'sad to see it go'

David Rowland – 'established name'

Ronald Mattox – 'handy and local'

Angela D'oyly – 'better quality'

Sadness as Wilko shuts up shop for final time

SHOPPERS spoke of their sadness after Wilko closed its doors in Cannock after nearly 30 years of trading in the town.

The shop, which is based in the Forum Shopping Centre in the town centre, closed on Friday of last week.

Its closure plan was reported by the Chronicle last month after it was confirmed by the homeware company.

Shoppers spoke of their sadness after 28 years of the store being in Cannock as they used it for the final time.

Val Bailey, aged 72, who is originally from Cannock but now lives in Burntwood, said: "I'm sad to see it go. It sells a lot of things that you usually have to get out of town at places like B&Q and Homebase.

"Its handy to get bits and bobs. I think it's sad that it's going to be empty.

David Rowland, 54, from Cannock, said: "Wilko is an established name so it'll be sad to see it go. I think the market on a Friday is good. I think its the only time you see Cannock with some life in it."

Travel

The jobs of up to 10 of the 24 of those who work in the store could be saved by transfers to other branches following the closure.

Nine opted for redundancy, and contracts for five temporary workers have ended.

Pauline Mattox, 74, who used the shop with her husband Ron, said: "It's handy and local for the people in the Cannock Chase area, who have now got to travel to places like Brownhills and Stafford. We have started to go to Bilston market – it's fantastic. The outside and inside market is a hive of activity.

Bosses at Wilko thanked its 'loyal' customers and hoped they would continue to shop at other stores.

A spokesman for the company said: "Team members at Cannock have received priority for vacancies at other Wilko stores in the area, of which there are seven within a ten-mile radius."

"The majority of our team members at the store are relocating."

Angela D'oyly, 60, from Cannock, said: "I think it's the pound shops that have caused it to close. But if you actually go into Wilko, things are cheaper and better quality.

"It's a shame it's gone after all these years – a big shop that will be left empty now."

Steve pours everything into title bid

Steve Worrallo has transformed a shed in his Cannock garden into a charming tearoom

The shed has a vast collection of mugs and cups

Teapots add a homely touch to Steve's shed

FOR most people, the garden shed is a space to keep tools and equipment locked away to keep them safe, but for Steve Worrallo it means much more than that.

The father-of-two, from Mosswood Street, Cannock, spent years turning the shed in his back garden into a pub, which he calls the Tudor House, and he finished runner-up in the Shed of the Year competition in 2016.

But second place wasn't enough for the 66-year-old former foundry worker, who has transformed a second shed next to it into a charming tearoom.

Aptly named Tea For Two, he spent the whole of the winter renovating the shed, in hope of bringing home the coveted title of Shed of the Year 2017.

He said: "Last year I finished runner-up but I want to go again, I want to bring it home.

"People spend tens of thousands on their sheds but I've built my up on my own from scratch for hardly anything.

"I get all the pots and saucers from charity shops and use whatever I can get my hands on. I hate to see wood in skips being thrown away, I think it's disgusting; bring it to my house and I'll use it.

The tearoom will be entered into the Unique category, as opposed to the pub which was in the Pub and Entertainment section.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Children's lessons on caring for pets

CHILDREN can get up close and personal with a host of furry friends during Easter holiday workshops.

Pets at Home, on Orbital Way, are staging the sessions to allow youngsters to learn a host of facts about animals, including rabbits. My Pet Pals Easter activity club will feature a range of fun, interactive activities.

Store manager Emma Harding said: "Our informative workshops help families understand what's involved in being a responsible pet owner."

Visit www.petsathome.com/workshops for details.

Bishop and rabbi in conversation

FIND out what the bishop has to say to the rabbi at an event taking place at a Staffordshire church.

Bishop of Lichfield the Rt Rev Dr Michael Ipgrave is holding a discussion event at St Giles Church in Whittington on April 6 with Rabbi Mark Solomon of Leicester and Edinburgh Progressive Synagogues.

The Rabbi and The Bishop in Conversation event will be chaired by the Rev Julia Baldwin, chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The evening starts at 7pm, and admission is by a donation.

Reflections for Easter by choir

A CANNOCK church choir performs Reflections For Easter next week.

The recital, by St Stephen's Choir, takes place in the Bideford Way church on Monday, April 10, from 7.30pm.

It will feature a selection of mixed Easter music, both old and modern, telling the Easter story, with readings to add to the reflections.

There will also be some congregational hymns.

St Stephen's Church is this year celebrating it's 50th anniversary.

New card-making classes are launched

NEW members are being sought for card-making and papercraft classes in Heath Hayes.

Julie Wade has run the classes in Great Wyrley for more than five years and has now set up sessions at Heath Hayes Library, Hednesford Road, on Thursday afternoons.

All materials are provided and beginners are welcome.

Booking is essential and any interested parties are asked to contact Julie on 01922 418734.

Craft fair at church

A CRAFT fair takes place at a Hednesford church this weekend. It runs at St Peter's Church hall, Church Hill, from 10am to 2pm on Saturday.

Entry is free, there will be many unique stalls and tea and cake will be served.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

Its just the ticket for winding up wardens

A PARKING company has been working overtime in Birmingham, plastering a battered old Hyundai with 26 fixed penalty notices, worth £100 a time – at least 10 times what the car is worth.

It's not often that I feel much sympathy with traffic wardens, but on this occasion they have a point.

It must be a bit annoying if people just abandon old bangers on your property, with no legal way of getting them removed.

I don't suppose they will see any of the £2,600 they are seeking, but slapping on a fresh ticket each day probably brightens up the monotony of the job.

Besides, it's also given me a great idea of how to beat the wardens at their own game. While I don't normally advocate using pay-and-display car parks, there are occasions when there is no choice. Such as when you're in a strange town, and you don't know where the nearest back street with unlimited free parking is.

The important thing is that every time you use one of these car parks, make sure you hang on to the old ticket. And when you have built up a sizeable collection, stick every one on the windscreen every time you park.

Of course, you will still have to buy a ticket each time you park, but imagine making the warden check the dates of 20 different tickets. Almost worth the cost of buying the ticket in the first place.

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SIR Dave Brailsford has been accused of presiding over a bullying culture during his time at the helm of British Cycling, pursuing a "win-at-all-costs" mentality.

This was followed by the chairman of UK Athletics, Ed Warner, saying that Britain puts too much focus on winning medals. Presumably, the England football team's in the clear, then?

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THE chief constable of West Midlands Police has railed against proposals for future police chiefs to be recruited from non-police backgrounds.

Dave Thompson said such a move would be "unthinkable", questioning whether outsiders would have the experience or knowledge required.

Totally agree. It would like, well, an MP with no journalistic experience becoming editor of a major newspaper, wouldn't it?

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A SHOPPING centre in Dudley has been accused of dodging rates by claiming that a unit on its sixth floor is a snail farm.

Two questions: (1) how hard can it be to establish the presence or otherwise of a snail farm? If the place is teeming with shelled molluscs, it probably is one, if not, it's not. (2) Who in their right mind would want to breed snails, apart from, perhaps, the manufacturers of slug pellets?

Headlines could apply to any country JOINING the EU

Mark Rylance – supports questions over income tax exemptions

Jean-Claude Juncker – led the hand-wringing over UK leaving the EU

Nicola Sturgeon – angry over delay over a Scottish referendum

Leap in the dark, that was many years ago

INTO the abyss. On the edge of the unknown. A leap in the dark. Have you noticed how all the apocalyptic headlines about Britain leaving the EU could be just as well applied to any country joining the EU?

INDEED, history may record that Britain's greatest gift to Europe was to warn the nations now queuing up to join the EU that getting out is not a simple matter, as we were assured for 40 years, but well-nigh impossible. Once you're in, you're in and before the welcoming fanfares are even over, the gates are firmly locked behind you.

THEY still don't get it, do they? Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker led the hand-wringing and breast-beating as the European Union celebrated its 60th birthday without Britain. It was, he declared, a tragedy that the UK was leaving. Reality check, please. The whole point is that we are not leaving the organisation we joined back in 1973. The UK signed up to a free-trade area. We ended up as an unwilling member of an undemocratic 28-nation European superstate. Brussels changed the rules, not us. That's why we are quitting. And we won't be the last.

WHO will blink first in the titanic battle of the Amazons raging over Scottish independence?

Here are two obdurate women, neither of whom are given to retreating, in eyeball-to-eyeball conflict over one of the great issues of the day, which will affect these islands for generations to come. Nicola Sturgeon, Scotland's First Minister, says Prime Minister Theresa May should not dare challenge the expected decision of the Scottish Parliament over an earlier, rather than a later, referendum on independence. May says a referendum cannot be countenanced until after Brexit. In short, never the twain shall meet.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

I MUST be missing something in the raging civil-liberties row over an Englishman's right not to have his "end to end" encrypted emails deciphered by the authorities. For a start, what sort of person thinks he needs military-grade coding? Obviously, it's useful for adulterers, drug dealers and terrorists. But why would a normal, law-abiding person need it? It has only been available for a few years and presumably people managed perfectly well before it was invented. Secondly, if you really are dealing in life-or-death secrets, why would you take the risk, despite the maker's assurances, that end-to-end encryption will be secure for all time, and that neither the supplier, nor anyone else will try to unravel it? Thanks, but no thanks. When I go undercover I will rely on my trusty invisible ink, dead letter boxes and cryptic spy-greetings whispered on benches in Hyde Park. The corn grows tall in Vladivostok.

A DAILY Telegraph reader sees a peacock butterfly in late March and asks: "Is this a record?" Expect more of the same as readers everywhere report spring arrivals, from butterflies to cuckoos. They always end with the question: "Is this a record?" Every claim reminds me of the line from Round the Horne when a reader inquired: "Sir. I have a 12-inch grooved plastic disc with a hole in the middle. Is this a record?"

AN 80-something reader hits back at the report of old 'uns being wary of using cashpoints in case they hold up younger users. He tells another tale, of young 'uns causing the hold-ups: "In goes the card and, oops, it's maxed out. He tries another card. Same result. Checks the account balance. Turns to his mate: 'Got your card?' Then the performance starts all over again."

I WROTE earlier this week about actor Mark Rylance supporting a tax system which would allow conscientious objectors not to pay income tax for defence spending. A reader writes: "In my view we should not be obliged to subsidise the arts from our taxes." Over to you, Mr Rylance.

"MERCATOR projection" may ring a bell from your school-days geography lessons. It is the commonest format used to portray the globe of the world as a flat map. Unfortunately, Mercator distorts the continents, shrinking Africa and enlarging Europe and North America. Schools in Massachusetts are now introducing maps based on the more accurate Peters projection. Pupils are reportedly astonished to discover how big Africa really is, and how much smaller is the United States. And our homeland? The British Isles appears as a little outcrop tucked away almost on the roof of the world. Such a tiny, insignificant place. So why does the rest of the world speak our language?

I BET there are huge savings to be made in the NHS by stopping doctors prescribing remedies which can be bought over the counter. The proposal, announced by NHS England, takes me back to a strange encounter with a doctor long ago when I had a sore throat. He was one of the old-school GPs; no eye-contact, little patience and much mumbling. "You could always try mumble-mumble," he mumbled. "Try what?" I asked. He sighed irritably, filled out a prescription form and handed it to me. It said "Strepsils." The Strepsils were cheaper at the chemists's than the cost of the prescription.

TALKING POINT

Bingo! I made grade by ticking right box

MANY years ago (all right, I confess, it was the early 1970s) I found myself facing a daunting challenge – trying to scrape a French O-level with only a rudimentary grasp of the language.

I'd done all right in class, with the help of the school's state-of-the-art language lab, a number of "personal" booths complete with tape recorders, allowing pupils to work at their own pace.

The exam itself, however, was a different matter. How would I be able to remember all those male/female nouns, verbs and accents? But wait, help was at hand in the shape of a series of multiple-choice questions, or "bingo papers" as they were known among us pupils.

I'll come to how I fared in a moment, but first let me explain how I came to recall that experience of pinning my hopes on ticking enough correct boxes in order to gain an educational qualification.

Just recently, I was filling in an application form online, only to find that I was prevented from clicking through to the next page by an ominous message telling me that my attempts so far were invalid, or words to that effect.

Luckily, I noticed on scrolling to the top of the page that another message informed me the passwords I had entered were wrong, so I checked them carefully, only to find I had typed them exactly as I had written them down.

After several minutes of re-entering these infuriating codes, I was on the verge of giving up and going back to the tried and tested method of pen and paper, when I had a brainwave: check that I'd written the passwords down correctly. Doh! I'd written down one bit wrong.

I was able to sail through the rest of the application process. All this started me thinking: have we become so reliant on ticking boxes online that we've lost our powers of logic? So many websites these days seem at least half-a-dozen clicks of the mouse ahead of the user. Type in your postcode and you'll be offered a list of the houses in your street.

And if you've used that website previously, it can be most alarming when, on being asked for your email address, you only have to offer up the first letter and the site will do the rest.

Then there's the conundrum of having to distinguish the letter O from the figure zero when asked to type in a security code, not forgetting the crazy notion that we automatically know whether to put spaces in, say, a phone number or 16-digit bank card number – and only after we've navigated the "Would you care to take our survey?" page.

I've decided we're just not up to any of this yet, especially as coming up with a "strong" password with a specified number of symbols, characters, both upper and lower case, and numerals can often take so long. As for the French O-level, I got a (very low-grade) pass. Bingo!

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Residents in shock as five cars hit by vandals

VANDALS smashed through the windows of five cars on one street during a spree in the early hours.

Residents on Round Hill Way, Brownhills, woke up on the morning of Friday March 24 to find that both the passenger and driver windows on their cars had been smashed, with the insides 'turned upside down' in a search for valuables.

Resident Rona Bliss said that the damage was 'senseless' and called on others in the community to ensure they don't give thieves any opportunity to do the same to them.

Rona's car, as well as her husband Darren's and son Cameron's were all hit during the attack.

She said: "I woke up at 7.30am ready to go to work and my husband, who had been up before me and taken the dog for a walk, came in and told me that I wouldn't be going to work today.

Expensive

"I spent all morning cleaning glass up and it just feels like such a senseless crime. I understand that this kind of thing does happen all over but it's a real wake up sign when it happens to you. There wasn't anything expensive on display, but I suppose they just wanted to take a chance."

Mrs Bliss, 50, has lived on Round Hill for more than 25 years and says that she has never known such serious trouble to take place. She said: "It is in general a lovely area and we don't get much trouble here, this is the worst thing I have known to happen.

"We hope the police will get to the bottom of it but we didn't have CCTV installed ourselves and its not the sort of area the council would want to put cameras up in."

Rona Bliss looks at some of the cars damaged at Roundhill Way, Brownhills

Memorial day helpers plea

FINAL preparations are being made for the fourth and final phase of the Hednesford Mining Memorial.

The dedication event will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 2pm in Hednesford town centre.

On previous occasions, Chase Arts for Public Spaces (CHAPS) made a photographic and DVD recording of the event, when they were in a position to either employ photographers and film makers or else make a donation to a chosen charity. However, funds for this are no longer available and so the committee is seeking someone who may be able and willing to help.

CHAPS president Mike Mellor said he would be delighted to hear from anyone who could help.

He can be contacted on 07583 655199 or at trishmellor@yahoo.co.uk

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Why not fill potholes in first place?

THE Chronicle reported that Staffordshire County Council paid out over £270,000 in compensation to drivers because of damage caused by potholes (March 30).

In fact the true position is even worse.

The Conservative cabinet member for highways admitted that since 2011, over £444,000 has been paid out in compensation for vehicle damage.

Staffordshire is the pothole capital of England.

Wouldn't it have been better if the £440,000 had been used to repair the potholes in the first place, thus avoiding damage to vehicles?

Staffordshire has a backlog of 10,000 road repairs, yet the Conservative deputy leader of the council jokes that our roads are so smooth that you can play snooker on them.

Perhaps if they took the problem more seriously, we might get something done.

GEORGE ADAMSON
Cannock

Magical valley will be choked by housing

HUNDREDS of houses are planned for Rising Brook valley near Rugeley. We're told homes are needed and to accept some building on 'green' land.

As a kid, this was a paradise. The meadows were a pasture for dairy cattle full of wild flowers, insects and skylarks. The brook had crayfish, newts, minnows and bullheads. Brook trout darted in the watercress. Pools had frog's spawn. Disused, dry pools, once for iron workings, had rabbits in the banks. You could even spot a stoat or weasel, while tree creepers, finches and warblers nested. Plus, how far would you travel to see a 20ft waterfall like the one at Slitting Mill?

So don't crowd and choke this special brook valley. It's a magical place.

K GEE
Rugeley

Failure to invest in properly fixing roads

COUNCILLOR Paul Snape's comment about voters giving a fellow councillor a "kicking" in The Chronicle (March 23) certainly showed his true colours. In the current climate I, and I would have hoped fellow councillors, would have refrained from using such terms in the political debate.

Councillor Snape quite rightly points out that Cannock Council has had to make cuts. But he neglected to say that Cannock Chase Council was due to offer a balanced budget until the closure of Rugeley Power Station was announced.

He also failed to acknowledge that, unlike in Tory-run councils like Surrey, Stafford and Solihull the government has failed to offer the assistance afforded to other councils that haven't even suffered the loss of important industries.

Staffordshire County Council, however, has no such excuses. Its cuts have hit us all hard. Eight years of Tory control has led to the deletion of the youth service, social care budgets have been slashed, while charges on DIY and garden waste have done nothing to reduce fly-tipping.

Every Conservative candidate in May around Cannock Chase will be standing on behalf of this status quo, one that has been in charge of "fixing" our roads yet has halved the maintenance budget and consistently failed to invest in properly repairing highways.

COUNCILLOR JOHN PREECE
Norton Canes ward

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Claims? Just a dead end

THE figure of £270,000 that has been paid out by Staffordshire County Council for car damage should, I would have thought, read £1 million ("County's pothole payout bill tops £270k mark", March 30). The amount of people who have been fobbed off by the council who have tried to claim would easily reach this figure. Many drivers don't bother to pursue the matter after they have been turned down once.

ROGER ALLEN
Great Wyrley

Mess-up followed by U-turn

IN reply to Councillor Paul Snape, he is right in his claim that almost everyone knew it was wrong of the Chancellor to increase National Insurance contributions ("Decision will benefit all small businesses", Chronicle, March 30).

But what he forgot to mention is, everyone apart from the Chancellor, Teresa May and the rest of her out of touch cabinet ministers.

The Government are good at messing up, then U-turning by admitting their take on austerity with regard to budgetary policy was wrong.

In my opinion, the Tories have done it that often they can no longer be taken as serious or credible on fairly reducing the deficit.

However, I must admit I have a lot of admiration for Councillor Snape, because he made me laugh! In fact, I believe he would make a better comedian than politician if he thinks I would ever consider voting Tory!

PAUL WITTON
Cannock

Leaving EU akin to winning the lottery

GOODBYE Gina Miller, the seven judges at the supreme court who ignored the people's decision, adios Geldof, Ken Clarke, Jamie Oliver, Cameron, Lineker, Osborne and B.Liar. Auf Wiedersehen, Mandelson, Soubry, Farron, Obama, Carney, Branson, and all the other undemocratic remoaners.

Pick an EU country and go and live there all of you, you all have no idea of democracy let alone national pride. You will watch in shock and awe as other EU countries implode or are led out by their new found nationalistic parties.

But please not goodbye to Roger Watts, so entertaining as 'king of the remoaners', he makes me smile or even laugh out loud many an evening with his letters. I am so, so happy to be a leaver. It's like winning the lottery every day.

MR T TURNER
Rugeley

Sterling work achieved thanks to loyal volunteers

I WOULD like to convey my sincere thanks to all the volunteers who work at the lunchtime service cabin, Beecroft Road car park for their letter 'Tireless fundraising deserves recognition' (Chronicle, March 16).

The People in Need project would not have been possible for the last 10 years without you, our loyal volunteers, who have worked extremely hard to help people in the Cannock Chase area.

We have all worked as a team and sterling work has been achieved as a result and I am very pleased to say that it will continue to do so – WELL DONE!!!

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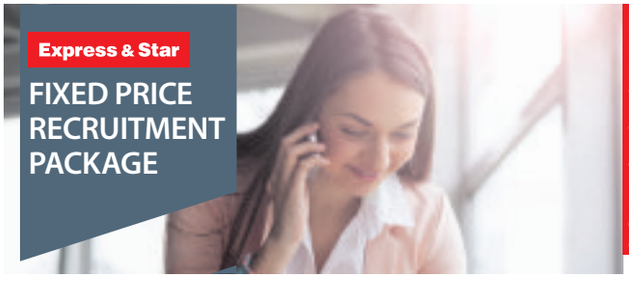
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Town in running for 'Best Kept' competition

HEDNESFORD has entered the battle to be named Staffordshire's Best Kept Village for the first time.

The village has been entered by Hednesford in Partnership.

A spokesman said: "This is the first time of entry and please do help to promote and engage all our neighbours and residents to reflect the true community spirit of Hednesford."

To help rally support for the challenge a number of competitions are taking place that local people and schoolchildren can take part in.

For the youngsters, there is a poster competition with designs being sought that will promote the Best Kept Village contest and encourage people to take part. The artworks must be on A4 sheets and are for age groups five-to-seven and eight-to-11.

The same age groups can also write a poem about 'My Hednesford'..

Bracket

For older children and residents there is also an art competition. Judges are looking for a painting, portrait or photograph that creates an artistic impression under the theme 'Spirit of Best Kept Village'.

The junior category is for ages 11-18 and the senior bracket for anyone over the age of 18.

Entries must go through local schools, Hednesford Library or Pye Green Community centre and be submitted by April 26. The top three entries in each category will be announced at the town's Artisan Market on April 29.

Staffordshire's Best Kept Village contest has been running for more than 60 years. Each year between 50 and 60 villages enter and some 70 volunteers are involved in the judging.

The competition is divided into five areas with the winning village in each area receiving an trophy and a cheque for £200. Also, two overall county winners receive an engraved shield.

This Friends of Hednesford Park picture shows how stunning the town can be

Organisers say the aim is to encourage community spirit within a village by bringing together the whole community with the common goal of becoming the "Best Kept Village" in Staffordshire. Above all, the competition is more about building communities.

Hednesford in Partnership (HiP) was set up to bring together groups already actively working in the community, to encourage collaboration and a more streamlined way of working.

With the help and support of local residents, traders, business owners, schools and Town Council representatives, HiP has started to formulate a short, medium and long term plan for Hednesford which will involve the need for funding and the input of local groups and volunteers to execute a range of projects. For more information ring Paul Woodhead on 07930 120077 or email paul@hednesfordinpartnership.co.uk

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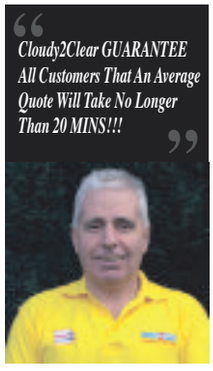

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July opening date set as hotel takes shape

Work is moving ahead on the 38-bedroom hotel, which is next to the Spread Eagle pub at Gailey island

CONSTRUCTION work on building a new 38-bedroom hotel next to a busy pub and restaurant is progressing well – with the site set to be open by July.

An application by pub company Marston's to see part of the Spread Eagle site on the Gailey roundabout become 'lodge-style' accommodation was recommended for approval by officers at South Staffordshire Council because of the need for hotel beds in the area.

As the structure of the hotel takes shape, bosses have confirmed that it will open at the end of July, making it the company's 19th 'lodge' in the UK.

The developer has previously said visitors to tourist attractions such as Rodbaston Animal Centre, Moseley Old Hall, Chillington Hall and Weston Hall might choose to stay overnight, instead of embarking on a day trip, if accommodation was available nearby.

Staffordshire has 16,500 bed spaces compared with 39,000 in Derbyshire and 23,000 in Shropshire.

The Spread Eagle itself has just undergone an extensive six-figure refurbishment and reopened on March 20 after a three-week closure.

Benjamin Minor, who runs the pub with his partner Jennifer Ling, said: "The pub is looking great, and it's really exciting to start the next chapter here at the Spread Eagle."

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson previously welcomed the development, saying it would provide a boost for the area as long as it was built 'to the highest quality'.

Concerns were raised about the site being built on green belt land.

'Record investment' to help boost region

HUNDREDS of businesses in the West Midlands region are set to be handed a boost after a major investment by rail groups.

More than 340 of the region's firms will see investment come in from London Midland and Network Rail, which are working to deliver a record £50 billion spend on railways across the country.

This has been described as a 'record investment' in the country's rail system, and chiefs said it will see 'more trains running to more places, more often'.

Railways bosses said the investment will support jobs and growth, drive development and regeneration, and unlock housing supply in the West Midlands.

Martin Frobisher, route managing director at Network Rail, said: "As part of delivering record investment in the railway, Network Rail is supporting over 12,000 jobs across the West Midlands and spending money with over 340 local businesses.

"The railway is vital to economic growth. That's why Network Rail is spending £100 million every week in Britain on our Railway Upgrade Plan.

"On the West Coast main line route, including the West Midlands, we are spending £1.9 billion annually to provide a safe, reliable railway.

"A great example of this plan in action is £100 million investment in the upgrade of track and signalling in Bromsgrove. We intend to keep contributing to the economy in the West Midlands, working with local businesses and creating jobs for local people, on improving the railway to bring more connectivity and even more prosperity to all."

For rail users, new stations in Bromsgrove, Stratford Upon Avon Parkway, Coventry Arena and Bermuda Park have been among the benefits. Every week in Britain, £100 million is spent by Network Rail on improving the railway system.

Across the West Midlands, Network Rail supports 12,242 local jobs with 3,472 people directly employed and a further 8,770 jobs in its supply chain.

London Midland will look to carry out more station investment this year, according to commercial director Richard Brooks, who said: "Over the last eight years London Midland customers have benefitted from over £400 million of investment including four new stations in the West Midlands and over £100 million of new trains.

"Further improvements are being made this year with more station investment and free wi-fi on our long-distance routes."

Paul Plummer, chief executive of the Rail Delivery Group, which represents train operators as well as Network Rail, said: "Train companies and Network Rail are working hard together to improve journeys for the millions of passengers who use the railway every year in the West Midlands.

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SINCE the last meeting members have been very busy – Ann, Pauline Lynn and Margaret, were one of 90 teams taking part in the annual county quiz.

Some 23 members and friends enjoyed a trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament and were very ably guided and looked after by Elizabeth Johnson

Ten members attended the Spring Council Meeting.

In the morning they were inspired by Chief Constable of Staffordshire Jane Sawyer, who joined the police force as a constable at 19 years of age in 1984. She rose to become Chief Constable in 2014, while also getting married and raising three children.

In the afternoon Geoff Tristram entertained with an hilarious account of his life of '40 years watching paint dry' from his escapades at Tipton Grammar School, life at Wolverhampton College of Art, working in the commercial art world in London and spending time studying and creating fine art in Italy.

Twenty four members also went to the Heathside Spring Group Meeting hosted by Cannock WI and were entertained by Pat Hall's 'Life is Funny' – quick change sketches about four different women reading letters to their families in the First World War.

A delicious buffet was enjoyed by all and Ann Bumford won one of the raffle prizes. The next meeting is the AGM on April 20, complete with cheese and wine and a beetle drive.

Restoring dignity of ostracised women

President Carole Holdcroft, left, and Jean Hadley, trustee, Hamlin Fistula UK

Cannock & District Soroptimists

REPAIR Fistula, restore dignity: the watchword of the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

It was set up by doctors Reg and Catherine Hamlin in 1975 and for more than 20 years Cannock Soroptimists have supported the endeavour. The club recently invited Jean Hadley, a trustee of the charity Hamlin Fistula UK, to talk to them and bring them up-to-date with the work.

The club was delighted to give Jean a donation to help with the work of Hamlin Fistula UK.

She explained fistula is a childbirth injury that leaves many women outcast. With skilled surgery, many girls can be treated successfully and they go on to lead happy lives. Sometimes the injuries are too severe to be repaired. For them, Desta Mender was built, a village near the hospital where the women can live and where they are taught skills to enable them to contribute to society and make a living, restoring their dignity.

Now there is a maternity unit, the Hamlin College of Midwives and five outreach centres have been built around Ethiopia.

County's role in village rebuild

Landor Society

AT the March meeting, Steve Booth gave an illustrated talk was entitled "Lidice 1942 – its destruction by the Nazis and the part played by the People of Staffordshire in its re-building".

The area of the former Czechoslovakia had been occupied by Nazi Germany but there was resistance to the occupation and on May 27 1942, Reichsprotektor Reinhard Heydrich was assassinated by Slovak and Czech soldiers Jozef Gabcik and Jan Kubis. The reprisals were devastating.

The Nazis shot 173 men, while 184 women were sent to Ravensbruck concentration camp.Some 88 children were separated from their mothers and, apart from seven who were considered suitable for Germanisation, were all gassed. The village was razed to the ground.

Miners in Stoke on Trent, led by doctor and MP Barnett Stross, founded Lidice Shall Live, to raise funds for its rebuilding after the war. The new village lies below the original and holds a memorial to the children killed.

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Briggs picks up truck deal with Marston's

Marston's warehouse operations manager Kevin O'Rourke and Briggs Equipment's key account manager Mike Oseland

BEER and pubs group Marston's has sealed a £700,000 deal with Briggs Equipment for more than three dozen new forklift trucks.

The Wolverhampton-based brewing and pub operating business has purchased 37 trucks and other Yale equipment from the Cannock firm. The trucks will be used to equip Marston's sites across the UK.

They will be deployed across 13 depots, including Mansfield, Burton on Trent, Shadsworth near Blackburn and Cumberland. New equipment will also go into service at the Park Brewery in Wolverhampton, next to the new-look Marston's House, which recently reopened following a £10million upgrade.

The forklifts will be used predominantly to transfer pallets of beer, spirits and soft drinks and keg and cask products to kerbside lorries for onward distribution to the 1,700 Marston's pub-restaurants and bars around the country.

Kevin O'Rourke, warehouse operations manager at Marston's House, said: "Briggs Equipment was the only provider that could offer a complete response to our current needs as well as support for the future development of our business."

Under the terms of the contract Briggs engineers will service and maintain the new Yale equipment, as well as the entire Marston's fleet of 160 machines.

Mike Oseland, Briggs Equipment's key account manager, said: "We're delighted to be continuing our long-term partnership with Marston's."

Failing care home could face closure

A FAILING nursing home has been placed in special measures and could be shut down after care and safety of residents was put at risk.

Chaseview Nursing Home, on Water Street, Chase Terrace, has been rated inadequate by the Care Quality Commission after a string of failings were found.

Inspectors saw one resident fall over and not receive any help from staff while another, who was at risk of choking, was left to lie on their back and drink a thick fluid.

The CQC also noted insufficient staff numbers and employees taking more than 45 minutes to respond to a call bell. The home, which looks after up to 60 people, could be shut down if it does not improve in six months.

Inspectors visited on February 9 and rated the service's safety and leadership as inadequate.

The home's effectiveness, caring and responsiveness were all rated as requires improvement. A report released following the visit said: "The service was not consistently safe. There were an insufficient number of staff to provide people with safe care and protect them from harm.

Chaseview Care Home, Chase Terrace

"Specialist nutritional systems were not managed safely which increased people's risk of choking. People's medicines management required improvement to ensure they were supported correctly.

"The provider was unable to monitor the call bell response times. There was an audit programme in place but action was not recorded when shortfalls were identified."

During the inspection, the CQC also noted a number of incidents where residents were put at risk. The report added: "We heard a person coughing in their bedroom. On investigation we found they were lying flat in bed drinking a cup of thickened fluid. The person had been prescribed thickened fluids as they were at risk of choking.

"We alerted a member of staff as we were concerned the person should not have been lying flat and they were starting to choke. A member of staff attended tbut left them, with the drink, whilst they went to find a colleague to help them sit the person up.

"We saw one person was sitting alone in a communal lounge. We saw this person stand and fall forwards onto the floor. We activated the emergency call bell but when we received no response from staff, we made the person safe and went to find a member of staff to support them.

"The first member of staff said they did not know the person and took no immediate action to reassure this person or to check for potential injuries."

HC-One, which runs the home, was unavailable for comment.

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COMPETITION

Anniversary bash set to be a thriller

GREEN-FINGERED thrills abound for all ages with BBC Gardeners' World Live due at Birmingham's NEC in just a couple of months.

And this year it is a celebration of 50 years of Gardeners' World, in Monty Don's own words, this is "our big anniversary bash". For foodies it's a double bonus as all tickets include entry to the BBC Good Food Show taking place at the NEC at the same time – June 15-18.

The Chronicles have teamed up with the organisers to offers 30 of our readers the chance to win a pair of tickets. These will be valid any day except Saturday.

So much on offer, the five gardens in the APL avenue offer take-home ideas, while a range of flora is on show across the Floral Marquee and a series of Show Gardens. The BBC Gardeners' World Live Theatre features appearances by celebrities such as TV gardeners Monty Don and Alan Titchmarsh. The new series of the Gardeners' World TV programme has started with a feature on the Golden Jubilee Award Plant, to find the plant that has had the biggest impact on gardens in the last 50 years. The winning plant will be announced at BBC Gardeners' World Live on Thursday, June 15.

There will be a host of anniversary features planned including an 'Anniversary Garden' designed by the eminent Professor David Stevens, the 'Nostalgia Garden' by Paul Stone and birthday cake created exclusively by Nadiya Hussain and much more.

The BBC TV team will be filming live from the Show on Thursday, June 15 as part of a special one-hour anniversary Gardeners' World programme airing on BBC2 on the following day whilst the NEC event is in full swing.

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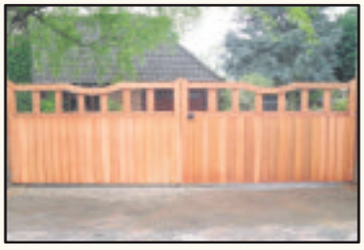

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COMMERCIAL FEATURE

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Award-winning 'Discover Parks', is hosting a showcase weekend at each of their three sites, which all nestle beneath the rolling hills on the Herefordshire/Welsh Marches border.

Pearl Lake, the largest of the trio, is a luxury country park set around a breath-taking 15-acre glacier lake, whilst Arrow Bank is a small select park in the historical black and white village of Eardisland.

Diversity

Rockbridge Park sits in the dramatic landscape just outside the Welsh border town of Presteigne and as well as having luxury holiday homes, offers residential park homes and lodges.

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Pearl Lake is a luxury country park set around a 15-acre glacier lake

This is the first open weekend of the season and a chance for customers from across the Midlands region to view the wide range of pre-owned holiday homes, plus the latest 2017 model holiday homes and lodges on display.

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Splice of history as building transformed

IT was once completely obscured by shrubs and trees – now this Grade I listed building will host summer weddings.

A two-year, £250,000 project to breathe new life into the old forcing house at Hilton Hall has been completed, with the South Staffordshire site set to welcome happy couples to use the building as a place for wedding ceremonies.

Up until three years ago, the forcing house, which was previously used by the historic home's owners to grow plants, had been covered up completely, before being uncovered by the gardening team.

From there, Historic England teamed up with the hall's owners, as well as Wolverhampton Council, to bring the building back to life, while staying true to its heritage.

The forcing house before the work was carried out

The beautifully restored forcing house which now caters for weddings

Fortunate

Martin Richards, weddings and events manager at Hilton Hall, said: "The forcing house is a beautiful, historic building and we are glad to see it looking as good as it possibly can.

"It has taken a lot of work, but it is fortunate that we even have the opportunity to do this.

"At one point, the building was completely obscured, it was only when our gardening team discovered it that we had to think about restoring it.

"Originally that was forecast to take about 18 months but it took closer to two years in the end. There are a lot of intricacies involved but we are happy with the job.

"We are looking forward to welcoming happy couples for weddings, it will make a great outdoor location and a few have already expressed their interest in having their ceremony there."

Hilton Hall is stunning mansion, set in 25 acres of unspoiled woodland. It is licensed for civil ceremonies and civil partnerships, and has a marquee pavilion for larger outdoor occasions.

The current Hall is an example of early Georgian architecture.

It was completed around 1720, commissioned by Henry Vernon who was then High Sheriff of Staffordshire.

However, the estate was first occupied by Sir Henry Swynnerton who built a manor house with moat in the 14th century.

Another famous ancestor was Richard Vernon who bred horses at Hilton Hall and was a co-founder of the Jockey Club of Great Britain.

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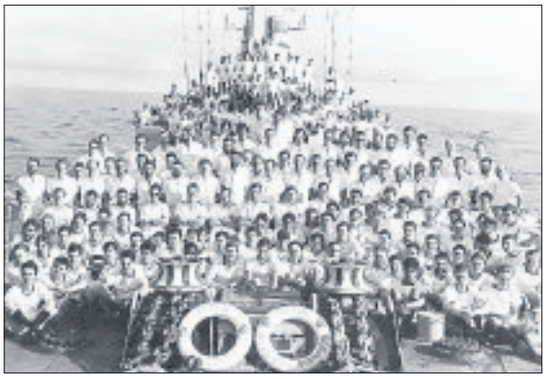
Simon Riley from Wombourne with his book


The crew of the Plymouth ship seen during the Falklands War

Simon's picture of the attack by the Argentinian Skyhawks

Simon nicknamed 'Spike' the radio operator

The hole in the Plymouth's funnel caused by a missile

Ex-radio operator Simon tunes in to his experiences during Falklands War

IT'S not a book title that suggests the author is a Falklands War veteran who survived an air attack by five Skyhawk jets at close range.

But Simon's A Poof's Name is the title that 55-year-old Simon Riley wanted for his no-holds-barred memoir of his time in the Royal Navy, including his stint on active service in the Falklands on HMS Plymouth.

The title is a direct quote from his boss on board ship, Radio Supervisor Wright, a burly Scot who from then on always referred to him by his nickname of Spike.

The book contains many anecdotes about life on the ocean wave on a boat staffed by a crew that was 75 per cent Glaswegian. There is even humour in the one standout story of the day HMS Plymouth was bombed – and hit – by Argentinian fighter pilots. Simon had not joined up in December 1979 expecting to go to war.

MEMORY LANE

By Marion Brennan

"I was looking for adventure, and joining the navy, visiting different parts of the world, seemed like a fairly safe bet," he recalls, sitting at the kitchen table of his neat Wombourne house.

But in April 1982, as his unit were on spring training in Gibraltar, looking forward to an imminent five-month deployment to the West Indies, news came over the World Service of an invasion of Britain's remote Falkland Islands.

"We wondered why on earth anyone would want to invade an island in the Outer Hebrides, says Simon, at the time a 20-year-old radio operator. "We had no idea where the Falklands were." But they had time to find out on the three-week 8,000 mile journey to the tip of South America at the head of the Task Force.

Once there, they spent long days on watch, broken up only by the occasional daylight air raid on San Carlos Bay, known as Bomb Alley.

It was June 8 when that routine suddenly changed and HMS Plymouth came under fire as it nosed out of the bay to fire some 4.5in shells to the other side of the islands where there was reported to be an enemy observation point.

"I remember looking left and seeing five jets coming towards us," he says.

"The ship turned around and we were at full steam heading back to Bomb Alley when they swooped again and dropped five 1,000lb bombs on us, as well as 30mm and 20mm cannon shells which smashed into the port side."

Two of the bombs narrowly missed, but two more hit the quarter deck and another went through the funnel.

Amazingly, amid the noise and chaos on board, the young seaman had reached for his camera and taken pictures of the Skyhawks' approach. But for the next few hours, it was all hands on deck as thick, acrid fumes filled the ship from fires in the petty officers' mess and the dining hall.

The ship had also started to list as it took in water.

"The smoke was so thick you couldn't see through it. I remember throwing my gas mask to one of the lads in the tiller house so he could at least steer the ship.

"A couple of the guys in the turret got injured but not too seriously. We were so lucky – it was ridiculous."

Thirty-five years on, after time spent running a bar in Spain, working in commodity markets in London and walking the beat as a police officer stationed in West Bromwich, he decided to write down his experiences.

"I'd got all these stories in my head that I wanted to get down on paper, and I wanted to make my story different from other Falklands memoirs by making it light-hearted."

Now a family man, and a remarkably youthful-looking grandfather of-two, he still meets up with his former shipmates at regular reunions. "We never did get to the West Indies," he grins.

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Pupils aspire to hit the airwaves

Steven Delves from Aspire People with left, Archie Taylor, Jamie Youll, Evelyn Prime, Harvey Pattle, Stella Courtney and Elizabeth Walker

CHILDREN in Heath Hayes hit the airwaves as part of a educational workshop. Free Radio visited Five Ways Primary School in Langholm Drive to put the youngsters' communication skills to the test.

Pupils got the chance to use real equipment used in the radio station's studio and learn the roles of a radio presenter, newsreader and weather reporter.

The event was organised by recruitment teaching agency Aspire People.

Steven Delves, Staffordshire primary education consultant at Aspire, said: "It was great because they they got to learn the roles of all the different aspects to radio.

"Its a way of bringing new ideas and introducing new things to school. Its great for communication skills and the children learned about what goes into making a radio show in terms of the research and teamwork involved.

"The kids loved. They really enjoyed it."

A teacher and student from the school will be chosen to record a piece to be broadcast on Free Radio.

So far, Aspire People and Free Radio have carried out six workshops and will be visiting schools in Lichfield, Burntwood and Willenhall in the near future.

5,000 visit attraction in week of reopening

MORE than 5,000 were welcomed through the gates of Shugborough in a successful first week for the estate since reopening.

The estate reopened for the first time in 2017 after being shut since September 30 – as the National Trust took over the running of the site from Staffordshire County Council.

While it was closed the National Trust ploughed £1 million into the estate to help revamp it.

And, within just a week of reopening, a total of 5,647 visitors came to view the attraction.

Feedback

Lucinda Caldwell, from the National Trust, said the trust was pleased with the figures.

"It's been really good," she said. "We had visitors coming through steadily.

"There was lots of feedback and people can see we're on this journey here to conserve and develop Shugborough."

The trust was pleased to report that 51 visitors tsigned up for membership.

Over Easter, a host of events are planned including a Big Tree Climbing challenge, Explorer's Quest and Chick Encounter activity.

The car park at Shugborough has been made 'all-weather' to support the new business model, which now sees Shugborough open every day of the year except Christmas, while the visitor reception has been relocated to the car park.

The old reception has been converted into a plant shop selling produce from the Walled Garden.

A new cafe at Park Farm is up and running, while the Mansion tea room will be ready for Easter.

Controversially, a new £12 entrance fee has been introduced.

By Tom Oakley

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Link-up allows support groups to continue

Volunteers at MASE, which has been announced as the charity partner for The Midcounties Co-operative

HELP is in store for a charity supporting for those affected by memory loss.

The Cannock-based Monthly Alzheimer's Support Evenings (MASE), has been announced as The Midcounties Co-operative's charity partner for the year.

The partnership will help MASE to continue to support people in Staffordshire suffering from age-related memory loss.

The monthly support evenings are run by volunteers and act as a network for those with Alzheimer's and their carers, offering advice from healthcare professionals.

MASE has been operating for eight years and runs five groups, supporting around 350 people.

Daphne Sharp, trustee and project co-ordinator, said: "The partnership with The Midcounties Co-operative is a golden opportunity for us. Annually we have to raise £25,000 to keep our groups running and this will help us.

"These meetings give carers some respite and allow people who are nervous to talk about Alzheimer's to enjoy music, entertainment and a buffet for a couple of hours a week."

Tracy Edwards, leadership team ambassador at The Midcounties Co-operative in Staffordshire, said: "MASE allows people to share their fears and concerns about dementia and receive help and support in a welcoming and relaxed setting.

"As a co-operative, we're committed to supporting local good causes like MASE and we are extremely proud to announce them as our charity partner."

Firm pulls out of £170m HS2 contract

THE engineering firm handed a £170 million deal to develop part of HS2 has pulled out of the contract amid alleged conflicts of interest.

CH2M was chosen by HS2 Ltd to deliver two stretches of the high-speed rail line, from Crewe to Manchester and from Birmingham to Leeds.

But the contract signing was delayed as officials were reportedly investigating concerns from rival bidder Mace that there may have been conflicts of interest.

American-based firm CH2M has been involved with HS2 Ltd since 2012 and has been awarded a £350m deal to develop phase one of the line from London to Birmingham.

HS2 Ltd's new chief executive Mark Thurston, and his predecessor Roy Hill, are both former employees of CH2M. A spokesman said: "The protracted delays and ongoing speculation risk further delays to this critical national infrastructure, thereby increasing costs to UK taxpayers, as well as to the firm.

Designs of the planned HS2

"CH2M remain fully committed to working with HS2 Ltd on delivering Phase 1 on time and within budget."

The spokesman added: "CH2M has demonstrated all appropriate measures taken throughout to ensure the integrity of the procurement process."

The firm's chief executive Jacqueline Hinman wrote to HS2 Ltd chairman Sir David Higgins to 'formally advise him of their withdrawal of interest' in the Phase 2b development partner contract. An HS2 Ltd spokesman said: "As they have announced, CH2M have decided to withdraw from the phase two design partnership bid process, a decision which we welcome."

Phase 1 of the £55.7 billion HS2 scheme is scheduled to open in December 2026, with a second Y-shaped phase launching in two stages.

Slice

Phase 2a from the West Midlands to Crewe, which will slice through Staffordshire, will open in 2027 and Phase 2b, from Crewe to Manchester and from the West Midlands to Leeds, South Yorkshire and the East Midlands, will begin operation in 2033.

Legislation for Phase 1 passed its final hurdle in Parliament in January and construction work is set to begin within weeks. When the section is open it is expected to nearly triple the number of rush-hour seats on the route from 11,000 to about 30,000.

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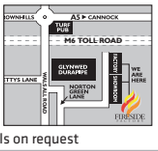

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Arrests in drugs swoop

TWO men were arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs following a swoop by Staffordshire Police. The men, aged 22 and 25, from the Liverpool area, were released pending a further investigation.

The raid, in St Bernard's Road, Knutton, Newcastle-under-Lyme, was the latest by the force as part of its 50-50 drugs operation. Items connected to the supply of drugs were recovered. Operation 50-50 activity has also taken place in Beverley Hill, Hednesford.

Ch Supt Wayne Jones, Head of Local Poling and Operations, said: "We are continuing to focus on individuals, addresses and public places where we can make things better for local residents and businesses by delivering some hard-edged enforcement."

Police chief hailed as right man for the job

STAFFORDSHIRE Police & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis says he is 'absolutely convinced' he has picked the right man to lead the region's force into the future.

Mr Ellis sung the praises of Gareth Morgan, the former West Midlands Police officer he has picked to take over as Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police.

Mr Morgan, currently the deputy chief constable at Avon and Somerset and has had stints with the home office and FBI, is taking over from Jane Sawyers who announced her retirement in October last year.

New chief Gareth Morgan

Mr Ellis said: "Staffordshire Police has got to adapt to the changing crime environment with new and more complex crimes like cyber crime.

Task

"To tackle this we need to make sure the police are easy to get hold of and have the technology in place. To bring it all together will be a big task and I am absolutely convinced the new chief constable will be able to do that.

"In his interview Gareth convinced me that he not only understood the changing dynamic but provided evidence that he had already started on this new journey elsewhere.

"All three of the shortlisted candidates were really excellent so it was a tough decision but Gareth is absolutely the right man for Staffordshire."

Mr Morgan's appointment has also prompted well-wishers from across the county. Councillor George Adamson, the leader of Cannock Chase District Council, said: "It sounds like good news for Staffordshire and I wish him well.

"Obviously Staffordshire Police does need strong leadership after another bad report so I hope he can put things right."

No date has been fixed for Mr Morgan to officially take over or for Mrs Sawyers to step down. However it is believed it will be this summer.

Mrs Sawyers announced her retirement last year after 32 years with the force.

£10m fund to help out armed forces available

FUNDING is on offer for organisations from across Staffordshire to help support their local Armed Forces communities.

A new round of a £10 million annual pool available through the Ministry of Defence's Armed Forces Covenant Fund is now open until the end of the year.

The funding offers financial support to organisations and projects to help bring together Armed Forces and civilian communities and deliver valuable local services to the Armed Forces Community.

John Tradewell, director of strategy at Staffordshire County Council, said: "Staffordshire has a long and proud military heritage, which continues to this day with the Defence Medical Services in Lichfield and the Royal Signals in Stafford, as well as a large number of Reserve units and Cadets.

"This fund helps support our local armed forces, those serving, veterans, cadets and their families to be more involved in the local community's activities.

"Lots of different services and projects are being considered for funding, so I would encourage eligible organisations to make an application."

For further information visit www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund-guidance-on-how-to-apply or contact Amanda Dawson-Blower at amanda.dawson-blower@staffordshire.gov.uk.

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Room name is changed as tribute

A COMMUNITY room at Burntwood Town Council's offices are to be named in honour of a former councillor.

It will be named the Ron Bradbury Room in memory of a man who served on the council for over a decade. Mr Bradbury's wife and daughter were present for the official renaming.

Mr Bradbury became involved with the Keepers of the Archives which changed its name to The Burntwood Chase Heritage Group and he served as chairman for more than 15 years.

He also founded SCAMP (Sankey's Corner Arts Mining Project) to ensure Burntwood's coal industry heritage was remembered.

The group and Mr Bradbury worked hard for funding towards a sculpture, and after 15 years, the statue, sculpted by Peter Walker, was unveiled in June 2013.

Mr Bradbury's health deteriorated and he died in September 2015.

Men hear of day in court

MEN of Burntwood meet on Wednesday, April 12 for a talk by Dave Berry on 'A Day in Court'.

The meeting starts at 7.45pm at St Matthews Sports and Social Club, Burntwood.

For further details contact Vince on 01543 682448.

Planners give green light to huge industrial space

PLANS for a new mammoth industrial space in Burntwood have been unveiled after they were given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

Commercial property firm LCP is behind the plans for the 50,000 sq ft area at Burntwood Business Park.

It is believed the space will be split up into five 10,000 sq ft units. LCP declined to say how much the scheme was costing, with potential job numbers unknown until a tenant is confirmed.

Artists' impressions of the site have been revealed after planning bosses at Lichfield District Council gave the scheme the green light.

Andrew Preston, LCP's industrial portfolio manager, said his firm had built the unit after an increase in inquiries from firms looking for industrial and trade premises in the town.

Expand

He said: "We have very low levels of voids there and the level of enquiries we are receiving from businesses that want either to relocate to Burntwood or who are already there and want to expand suggests that there will be a demand for them.

"We are offering flexibility in the size of units available, which makes it an even more attractive prospect."

By Jack Averty

Work is due to begin later this year with an anticipated completion date of summer 2018.

The new buildings, which will be steel portal frame construction, can be tailored to meet reasonable occupier requirements.

LCP owns Zones 2, 3 & 4 at Burntwood Business Park, which has more than 80 units and 765,000 sq ft of commercial property.

The park is located six miles from junction 11 of the M6 and eight miles from junction 1 of the M54. Junction T6 of the M6 Toll Road is less than a mile away.

The site has mobile security patrols and 24hr CCTV security coverage. Existing tenants on the park include Ebrex UK, Staffordshire Signs & Graphics, Emak UK, Gradient Flat Roofing and Uniseal.

Artist impression of the new 50,000 sq ft industrial space given the go-ahead in Burntwood

New phone alert from the police

RESIDENTS have been warned about the latest telephone scam after someone in Chasetown was contacted by a bogus caller pretending to be from BT.

The culprit called the victim claiming they were entitled to three months' free line rental for being a long-standing customer.

The caller knew their name and address and tried to obtain bank details before the resident hung up.

Chasetown PCSO Liane Haddock said: "I have been contacted by a resident who has received a phone call from a person claiming to be from BT.

"BT have confirmed that they do not contact people in this way and that it is a scam.

"If you have any calls of this nature, please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Alternatively, people can visit www.actionfraud.police.uk to pass on details of incidents.

Council sends out poll cards

POLL cards are being sent out by Lichfield District Council ahead of the elections on May 4.

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Probe into one-year wait for operations

STAFFORD'S County Hospital cancelled more than 140 operations just last month on the day they were due to take place.

A total of 145 were cancelled, with a lack of beds, running out of theatre time and prioritising emergency patients the reasons.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust, which runs County Hospital and Royal Stoke, cancelled 342 operations on the day last month, including 197 at Royal Stoke.

The figures have come to light in the trust's latest performance figures.

A report prepared for a meeting of the governing body said about the cancelled operations: "This level of emergency activity has resulted in a number of ad-hoc cancellations of elective cases to ensure emergency cases receive prompt treatment."

The performance figures also reveal that dozens of patients were left waiting longer than a year for an operation at both County and Royal Stoke. National NHS guidelines state treatment for patients referred from a GP to hospital should start within 18 weeks.

County Hospital – cancellations

But in February the two hospitals between them recorded 59 people who had endured waits of more than 52 weeks. The documents refer to the cases as 'elective' procedures which are non-urgent operations that can range from hernia surgery to cosmetic work, although the trust did not clarify the specific nature of the backlog.

Chiefs have blamed pressure on its A&E departments for the cancellations but said the cases were being investigated. Helen Ashley, chief officer for finance and performance at the trust, said: "We recognise that UHNM is not currently achieving our Referral to Treatment (RTT) wait times.

"In recent months, the Trust has taken extensive action to help address this issue, including ensuring that we utilise bed capacity across all our hospitals, the successful implementation of a new patient information system and a dedicated team to review all patients waiting over 18 weeks.

"The care of all patients who wait longer than the 52-week standard is subject to investigation, and following an internal governance process, they are shared with the local Clinical Quality Review group." The trust said all procedures outstanding for more than a year had now been completed

£10k of illegal tobacco seized in shop raid

Yoyo the sniffer dog, who helped uncover the items

The illicit tobacco which was found in the Stafford shop

ILLICIT tobacco and cigarettes worth thousands of pounds have been seized from a Staffordshire shop.

A total of 9,880 cigarettes, believed to be fake or illegal, and illegal hand rolling tobacco weighing two stones were discovered.

The amount of tobacco, if sold legitimately, would be valued at £10,000.

Staffordshire County Council trading standards officers, with a sniffer dog, raided the shop in Stafford in addition to two residential properties. The premises were targeted on Wednesday as part of an intelligence-led operation to tackle illicit tobacco sales.

Trading standards manager Tony Shore said: "We responded to intelligence and successfully disrupted the supply of potentially dangerous tobacco and cigarettes in Stafford.

"This is part of our ongoing operation to tackle the sale of illicit and counterfeit tobacco in Staffordshire. Illicit cigarettes can be especially dangerous as they do not extinguish if left, which legitimate ones do."

Trading standards officers, who were supported by Staffordshire Police, are now considering further enforcement action.

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Co-op stores save 72 tons in campaign on emissions

THREE Midcounties Co-operative Food stores in the West Midlands region saved a collective 72 tons of CO2 emissions in 2016 – the equivalent of taking 14 cars off the road – thanks to its sustainability initiatives.

One of the food stores, in Anglesey Street, Hednesford, reduced its energy rates by seven per cent.

The Food stores achieved this through a range of property intitiavies including the use of LED lighting where appropriate and the installation of energy efficient chillers. Employees are also taught about energy saving practices, recycling and minimising waste.

The milestone has been reached with the help of The Midcounties Co-operative's dedicated environmental steering group which drives forward the society's wider sustainability strategy.

This involves setting and measuring targets for all of its trading groups, including Food Retail, Childcare, Travel, Funeralcare, Healthcare, Post Offices and Energy.

The Midcounties Co-operative achieved an overall four per cent reduction in its energy use across its operations in 2016 compared with 2015 and has a long-term target to improve energy efficiency by 20 per cent by 2026.

Mike Pickering, community and sustainability manager at The Midcounties Co-operative, said: "We take our environmental responsibility very seriously and in 2016 our businesses saved a total of 1,500 tons of CO2 from being released – something we're very proud of."

The Midcounties Co-operative is the largest independent co-operative in the UK and has also been awarded, by Business in the Community (BITC), five stars in the Corporate Responsibility Index and the Carbon Trust Standard for its pioneering environmental work. The other two stores – Queen Street, Wolverhampton; and High Street, Kingswinford – cut their energy consumption by 17 and 12 per cent per respectively.

Dancers in gig with X Factor star

Ms Sam Bird, head of marketing and communications, Mr Chris Keen, principal, with students

SCHOOL pupils in Rugeley are gearing up to dance alongside X Factor winner Louisa Johnson at Wembley for a premiership rugby clash.

As part of the project, the students from The Hart School got the chance to practise at the town's leisure centre with the Rugby Premiership and European Championship trophies held by Saracens who will be taking on Harlequins today. They will be among 1,300 youngsters to perform on the day as part of a scheme ran by Pro-Excel which is designed to use elite professional sport to increase participation.

Clarissa Johnson, head of dance at the school, said: "We feel incredibly privileged to have been chosen. Going to Wembley is a huge deal, but to be able to dance on the hallowed turf is something that these young people will never forget."

Evening with TV wildlife expert

TICKETS are still on sale for the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's 'An Audience with Mike Dilger' event at Alton Towers Resort.

The popular Stafford-born BBC naturalist will provide an interactive and illustrated talk on the trials and tribulations of being a wildlife presenter on Friday April 28. Money raised will go towards the work the charity carries out across Staffordshire.

Mike, who has degrees in ecology and botany, has a life-long passion for natural history. He is a regular on BBC's The One Show. He has also been a presenter on the BBC's Autumnwatch, Springwatch and Natures Calendar and is one of BBC One's Inside Out' hosting team.

Mike said: "Being Stafford born and bred, it is an honour to be representing the trust for this special event at one of the county's biggest tourist attractions. I'll talk about some of my favourite filming experiences from around the world and answer questions on what life is like being a wildlife presenter.

"Most importantly, money raised goes towards the fantastic work Staffordshire Wildlife Trust carry out across our very special county."

Ticket prices range from £40 for a 'Gold' ticket, £25 for a 'Silver' and £15 for 'Bronze'. Gold ticket holders have the chance to tour Alton Towers Resort's Sea Life Centre – viewing more than 200 different species – with Mike himself. Guests will be guided around Sharkbait Reef with Mike as their special host.

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Prince unveils £15m remembrance centre

THE Duke of Cambridge met with veterans of all three armed services as he officially opened a new £15.7 million remembrance centre at the National Memorial Arboretum.

Prince William also chatted with volunteers and schoolchildren as he was shown a 'digital poppy field', which forms part of new educational exhibits at the 150-acre site.

The official opening follows a nine-year fundraising appeal to upgrade facilities for visitors to the remembrance centre in Alrewas, Staffordshire.

As well as unveiling a plaque marking the official opening of the new centre, Prince William visited a police memorial to place a wreath paying tribute to Westminster attack hero Pc Keith Palmer.

Prince William at the arboretum

The Prince signs the visitors' book

The Duke of Cambridge walks through an interactive poppy display

Honours

The new centre, allowing increased visitor numbers to the site's 330 memorials, opened in October after receiving a £2.85m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Writing in the programme for the event, William said: "The National Memorial Arboretum honours and remembers those men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the service of this country.

"This is a place for special memories, many of them sad, but hopefully, many of them happy too.

"We all have an important job to do in keeping these memories alive for future generations and this new remembrance centre will play a significant role in that duty.

"Most importantly, the new learning centre will help ensure future generations are engaged in learning about the contributions and sacrifices that have been made. They will ensure the memory of the fallen is safeguarded through the years."

The Duke was thanked for his fundraising efforts by Major General Patrick Cordingley. Lt Col David Whimpenny, chairman of the National Memorial Arboretum board, said: "The duke has been involved in this project for many years and we thank him for his ongoing support and encouragement.

"It was particularly pleasing that some of our younger visitors were able to talk with the duke and explain what remembrance means to them."

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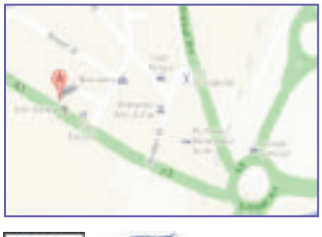

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Canal team grab 20 tons of rubbish

Fences, shopping trolleys and car parts were among the mess pulled out of the water

FENCES, shopping trolleys and car parts were among the 20 tons of mess pulled out of a canal.

More rubbish had been dumped in the Birmingham Canal Navigations and was cleaned out by eager volunteers over the weekend.

The clean-up weekend saw more than 70 people from across the UK help make the waterways a safer and cleaner place. Volunteers from the Waterway Recovery Group and Inland Waterways Association worked almost 16 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

They worked in Wednesfield on the Wyrley & Essington Canal to Horseley Fields Junction up to Wolverhampton locks and down to the Bradley Arm.

Jenny Black, volunteer coordinator for the Waterway Recovery Group and Inland Waterways Association, said: "The clean-up went really well."

Rail hub battle meeting

A PUBLIC meeting for those affected by the West Midlands Rail Interchange Rail Hub has been called by MP Gavin Williamson.

The meeting, on April 21 at Coven Memorial Hall from 7pm, will give people the chance to voice concerns and help organise campaign material to be distributed in Brewood, Coven, Four Ashes, Coven Heath, Hatherton and Calf Heath.

As part of his campaign against the proposals, Mr Williamson will also be conducting a survey of residents and present the results to South Staffordshire District Council to highlight the strong opposition to the development. He said: "I believe the building of this rail freight terminal will see a substantial rise of noise, sound and air pollution, cause a massive increase in traffic, and will have a huge impact on residents in our villages surrounding the proposed site.

"It is further evidence of the Wolverhampton urban sprawl entering our countryside and robbing us of our green belt.

"I will be doing everything that I can for residents to reject the plans for this development," Mr Williamson added.

"These proposals would cause disastrous and irrevocable damage to our villages.

"I am determined to fight these proposals and ensure that the voice of South Staffordshire residents is heard loud and clear."

Star's appeal for tunnel passes the £200k mark

LICHFIELD Canal's £1 million David Suchet Tunnel Vision appeal has passed the £200,000 mark, weeks after its launch.

The appeal, to raise money to build a tunnel under the CrossCity railway line, was launched at the London Boat Show in January by actor David Suchet, who is vice-president of the Lichfield and Hatherton Canals Restoration Trust.

The £1m target has to be reached by the beginning of 2019 so that the work can be carried out at the end of the year, to coincide with the construction of a road tunnel to take the planned extension to the Lichfield Southern Bypass under the rail line.

Trust chairman David Dixon said: "The tunnel is a vital part of the restoration as there is no alternative route.

"Also, before the canal is fully connected at this stage, the tunnel will serve as a safe off-road community link between two proposed new estates for 900 houses bordering the canal which can benefit from their land drainage.

"Leaving it to some future time would undoubtedly be far more expensive and be a missed opportunity."

The trust are restoring the seven-mile stretch of the Lichfield Canal from Huddlesford to Ogley Junction, Brownhills, and have had to overcome several obstacles to the project, so members are confident they can overcome the latest.

Another obstacle was overcome hours before the new campaign leaflet was due to go to press, when a boater pointed out that the bends in the new canal tunnel shown in the logo would not be navigable.

Ironically, the Lichfield Canal was originally part of the Wyrley & Essington, known as the Curly Wyrley because it was so bendy.

Graphic designer Sarah Morley hastily redesigned the logo to give the tunnel a straight entrance. For more details and to make donations, visit www.lhcrt.org.uk/suchet.htm

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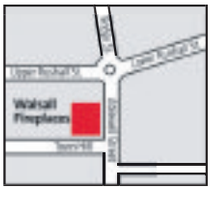

DX eyes up its options after villagers' snub

DELIVERY group DX has confirmed it is looking elsewhere after its plans for a £36 million super hub at Essington were rejected by councillors.

The company has already warned that rejection of the Essington plan could mean moving its operations from Willenhall to Rugby or Coventry, which could put the jobs of its 550 Black Country workers at risk.

Unveiling its half-year figures, chief executive Petar Cvetkovic called South Staffordshire Council's refusal of planning permission 'disappointing'.

"We are now considering other options, including the development of an alternative site, in consultation with our stakeholders," he said.

An artist's impression of the DX group proposal for the £36m super hub

Residents had fiercely opposed revised plans put forward by DX Freight

Loss

The proposal had faced strong opposition from local people.

Meanwhile, the company has revealed it made a loss before tax and exceptional items of £500,000 in the six months to the end of December, compared with a £1.3 million profit for the same period the previous year.

The company warned in February that its profit would be hit. As well as a 'challenging' trading background, it had faced higher than expected costs for merging five sites into one at Swanley, lower profit margins and missed growth targets for its DX Courier and Freight operations.

Despite this, revenue held up at £142.7m – £1m more than last year – and it revealed a new three-year deal with with make-up group Avon UK, worth more than £10m a year, while it has expanded its work for Ikea.

Now, the company is in talks for a takeover of John Menzies' distribution business that would see DX pay £60 million in cash and issue new shares.

Mr Cvetkovic said: "The board remains highly focused on implementing measures to turn around business performance and in addition is currently in discussions regarding the potential combination of DX and the distribution division of John Menzies.

"We believe that the combination of the businesses has strong strategic logic for all stakeholders and represents an opportunity to deliver significant value to both companies' shareholders."

The two companies say the creation of a combined logistics and parcels carrier operating 24-hours a day UK wide would save them between £8m and £12m a year.

If the deal goes ahead this summer, Greg Michael and Paul McCourt, currently managing director and finance director respectively, of Menzies Distribution, would become group chief executive officer and chief financial officer of DX.

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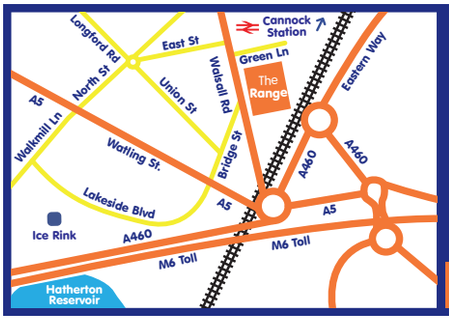

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Thread letter day for famous faces

From left, Colette Mumford, Glyn Marston and Sheila Fawkes

FROM Olympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds to music legend Noddy Holder and to fashion icon Erin O'Connor.

The famous faces of Walsall have been threaded in to a stunning tapestry by a team of volunteers.

The 11 unique tapestries represent each area of the borough, picturing events, places and names.

Each area of the borough had its own story to tell, be it the Pelsall poppies, meeting under the clock in Willenhall Market Place or the excitement of when Cilla Black came for the first Blind Date wedding. The tapestries also tell the story of celebrities including Paralympian Simmonds, Slade star Holder, musician Goldie, actress Meera Syal and Judas Priest lead singer Rob Halford.

Goldie and Noddy Holder feature on the tapestry

By Marion Brennan

They also include amateur athlete Glyn Marston, who has raised £120,000 for charity over the years.

He said he was honoured to have his name embroidered, even though it was spelled incorrectly – as Marsden.

He is included in the tapestry devoted to Willenhall fundraisers, featuring an image of the late Christmas-crazy Hilda Creaney whose festively decorated home raised thousands for charity.

Glyn's name and those of Reg and Anne Wrighton, who for years organised an annual old folks dinner for the Willenhall community, are stitched around the edge of Mrs Creaney's embroidery.

Mr Marston, aged 54, said: "It's the gesture that counts."

"To say that I am honoured is a great understatement, I can't believe that my name is alongside Mr and Mrs Wrighton and Hilda Creaney," he added.

"Mrs Creaney's fundraising, in particular, is legendary in Willenhall.

Thrilled

"I'd heard about the tapestry, which is a fantastic project, but it never occurred to me that I would get a mention. I was choked when I found out."

He added: "I did notice that my name was spelled wrongly but I haven't raised it with anyone - I'm just thrilled to see it placed alongside such great Willenhall people."

Mr Marston is currently gearing up to take part in a gruelling 1,400km cycling race from London to Edinburgh and back again at the end of July.

He will wear a jersey featuring the flag of his home town Willenhall throughout the journey, which cyclists have to complete in under 100 hours.

The father-of-two has been fundraising since 1993 when he quit smoking. On this occasion he will be raising money for the charities St Giles Walsall Hospice, Macmillan Support, Cancer Research UK and Harry Will Walk.

He is also planning to cycle across Europe later this year in aid of charity.

Each one of the Silver Thread tapestries took at least 2,000 hours to sew, a task shared by an army of volunteers from the local community.

It was the inspiration of Walsall Council's creative development team, which was disbanded last year. People came from far and wide during the first three months of the year-long project to have their say on what should feature in the tapestries.

Artist Hunt Emerson turned their stories into illustrations which were then stitched into more than 12 square metres of fabric.

Each square features a different area of the borough, capturing Walsall's living history and diverse geographical communities. It is currently on a tour of the West Midlands.

The Blind Date wedding, which Cilla Black attended, is depicted

Actress Meera Syal

Rob Halford of Judas Priest

Brownhills model Erin O'Connor

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Doreen for Mayor? No, I'm far too lazy

She's the first lady of the Black Country. Doreen Tipton, the region's pre-eminent Lazy Cow, is a crisp-eating, award-winning, panto-dazzling, loff-a-minute who'll be on the road in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Telford, Stafford, Brierley Hill and Cannock soon.

What's sup – Doreen enjoys a pint in The Fountain Inn, Tipton

Her Grand Night Out is making its final run, her autumn show, Rise Of The Yam-Yam, is selling quicker than scratchings at a Dudley pub and she'll be back in panto at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre.

Happily, we tracked her down to Tipton – where else – to find out more about her remarkable year. This is how things went . . .

Doreen, first of all, congratulations on receiving two prestigious awards in the space of a week – Best Newcomer in the Great British Panto Awards in London, and then What's On readers voted you Midlands Entertainment Personality of the Year. How does it feel to be a winner?

"The panto award was a lovely surprise, and I got to meet Christopher Big Ones (Christopher Biggins), who is world-famous in tights. I couldn't remember anything that had happened the previous two months during the show, but I must have done something right.

"And the second award from What's On was even more incredible, because of who I was up against. It's an honour to be thought of in the same breath as the other four finalists. Julie Walters is a personal favourite of mine because I'm a big fan of the Harry Potplant films, Bev Knight is a musical legend, and the bloke from Citizen Khan is apparently on the telly in a BBC comedy that they're really proud of, so I'm assuming he must be funny. I hadn't heard of Sir Lenny Henry, but he's obviously one to watch for the future. So yes, I feel blessed to have beaten them hands-down. But the losers have nothing to be ashamed of. They've done well to get this far."

What celebrations did you enjoy following the announcements? A packet of cheese and onion and half a Batham's, or something more exotic: a Desperate Dan pie and a pint of Lumphommer?

"Actually, I never drink on duty. Thankfully I'm never on duty, so it worked out well."

What are you working on at the moment?

"Working is probably too strong a word, but I have got several projects on the go. I'm currently in the middle of doing a short Spring tour with some final Grand Night Out shows for them that missed it first time around. Then I'm having a lie-down. We'll then be touring with a brand new show for autumn: Doreen: Rise of the Yam-Yam which is going to be epic. And along the way I'm filming a new DVD documentary called Doreen's Black Country where I tour around the area and meet some wonderful characters. I'm hoping it will be a funny and very affectionate account of our native land."

When you were growing up in Tipton, did you for a moment imagine you'd become an iconic local hero? Is there a sense of destiny about the rise and rise of the Yam-Yam?

"I'm not sure what iconic means, but if it means something nice, then yes. For too long the Black Country has lived in the shadow of neighbouring Brum, which itself has lived in the shadow of London. Nobody was taking us seriously. I hope that, through my comedy, I can finally get people to stop laughing at us."

From here, we imagine a move into politics. Will you be standing for the local council, as an MP, or seeking election as the President of another country?

"I was recently offered a job as President Trumpet's hod carrier, but at my age I thought better of it. Actually I have considered forming the Yam-Yam Party, and putting some common-sense policies in place, such as making people who break the law pay for their prison food and accommodation."

And what if they can't afford it?

"If they can't afford it, they can sell their house, like old folk have to in order to afford their care home. What's the difference? Except one's a criminal and the other isn't. I'm seriously considering becoming a tax-payer, so I can complain about how the Government spends my money. Perhaps if I do go into politics I'll start small. Isn't the West Midlands after a new Mayor?"

Do you fancy the job?

"Oh . . . is it a job? No then."

The vast riches that your success will have brought will have to be invested wisely, we imagine. Will you be buying property in Tipton, like The Wreck? Or will you invest in 'osses?

"So far I've invested everything into scratchcards, which offer the biggest return on your outlay. I think the scratchcard idea should be rolled out to welfare generally. For example, instead of the Government paying you housing benefit directly, which is boring, you could have a month's rent as one of the scratchcard prizes, or some child benefit, or a week's free jobseekers, and then have lots of smaller prizes of things like multi-packs of crisps, or Pringles, and lucky bags for the kids. It would also be a great way for Government to control welfare spending, so that none of it is wasted on gambling."

With such a busy schedule, we imagine the only way you keep in touch with current affairs is by reading your favourite newspaper: the Star. Why are both so brilliant?

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And finally, Doreen, have you got a message for your fans?

"Ta."

Andy Richardson

I Doreen would like to make it clear that when it comes to politics, her views don't necessarily reflect her views.

I hadn't heard of Sir Lenny Henry, but he's obviously one to watch

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Kasabian – at O2 Academy

For Crying Out Loud rockers go all intimate

Kasabian are back with an explosive new album brimming with confidence, swagger and huge tunes.

And despite their stadium rockers status, Leicester's finest will be packing out the more intimate O2 Academy on Thursday (13) as part of their low-key, ease-back-in April tour.

Their sixth album, For Crying Out Loud, is released on April 28. Written and produced by Kasabian wizard Serge Pizzorno, and recorded at the 'Sergery', his home city studio, the album features 12 tracks that encapsulate everything that makes Kasabian one of this country's top bands.

First single You're In Love With A Psycho is a big pop song with an irrepressible hook. Other highlights include the soon-to-be-summer-anthem Bless This Acid House, the contagious Good Fight and the rock steady angst of Ill Ray (the King)'. Lead singer Tom Meighan has never sounded so good, wrapping himself around the addictive hooks.

"I decided to give myself six weeks to write an album like they used to do back in the day and that became really inspiring" Serge recalls.

"I made sure there was no fat on anything, it was going to be classic songs, no self-indulgence.

Following the more electronic direction on 2014's '48:13' Kasabian were keen to make a truly great guitar album. "We wanted to make a very positive album full of hope with guitars to remind people that it's still relevant," says Serge.

Kasabian have four UK no1 albums and have sold more than 5.5 million albums worldwide. They've won a Brit, seven NME awards, four Q Awards and have headlined various festivals.

It's new Version of Me-lanie C

With her seventh album Version Of Me released on her own Red Girl Records label last October, former Spice Girl Melanie C is on tour this month including a gig at Birmingham's O2 Institute on Sunday.

Recorded in LA and London, Version Of Me is a richly textured, deeply personal album in which the Liverpudlian pop icon lays bare her life over beats, shimmering synths and strings.

It's described as Melanie as you've always known her but as you've never heard her before.

Working with longtime co-writers Peter Vettese and Adam Argyle, alongside the young south London production duo Sons Of Sonix Melanie reckons it is the freshest, most contemporary-sounding album of her career.

"I wanted to make an album that I would listen to now," says Melanie.

"I'm not a leftfield artist, I never will be. I write pop songs, but my aim this time was to approach every aspect of them differently, to be more creative with structure and sounds."

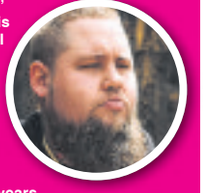
The funky first single Anymore was released last year and sits alongside other album highlights including the synth-heavy Dear Life, the fusion of R&B and house beats on Room For Love, the strings-drenched title track and brutal album closer Blame.

The 43-year-old singer and actress from Merseyside, Melanie Chisholm first found fame in the 1990 as Mel C, AKA Sporty Spice, one of the five Spice Girls, who cause the biggest British pop phenomenon since Beatlemania.

They were at the forefront of 'Girl Power' and 'Cool Britannia'as British pop and youth culture seemed on the way to world domination via the pop music scene. Since going solo back in 1999, Melanie C has enjoyed two number 1 singles, six top 10 singles and more than three million album sales.

Melanie C has released a single from the new album. Hold On it features Alex Francis, who will also be her support at the Digbeth gig.

Rag 'n' Bone Man in tour sell-out



Rory Graham, AKA Rag 'n' Bone Man, has sold out his UK tour including his April 24 show at Birmingham's O2 Institute. That's not surprising considering his breakthrough hit Human is already being talked of in terms of a classic.

The success of Human around the globe follows years of performing. At the age of 15 he started rapping in his hometown of Uckfield and then at 19 started singing at local blues nights, then he joined Brighton hip-hop crew The Rum Committee.

70-year celebration for master of farce

Writer, director and master of farce Ray Cooney is celebrating 70 years in showbusiness.

Starting out as a teenaged actor in the 1940s - "I wanted to be Olivier, or even Danny Kaye because I loved comedy," he says - he became a top comedy playwright, much in demand after his Run For Your Wife ran in the West End for eight years.

The celebrations of his remarkable career are under way with an updated version of one of his favourite farces Out Of Order, which comes on tour to Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday, April 15.

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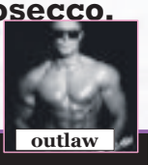

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Golf: The Masters Live (BBC2, 7.30pm)
Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, as the opening Major of the year continues. Jordan Spieth was the defending champion here last year and seemed destined to retain his crown as he led at the end of the third round, despite a one-over par 73 that saw him finish day three just one stroke clear of compatriot Smylie Kaufman. Danny Willett was tied for fifth and the leading European contender, though few would have expected the man from Sheffield to claim the first Major of his career as Spieth collapsed on day four. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Paul Azinger and Andrew Cotter.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry Everyday. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.10** Live Davis Cup Tennis. France v Great Britain. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15 Film:** Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller.

6.35 BBC News.

6.45 Regional Programme.

6.50 Pointless Celebrities. Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman present a music edition of the celebrity general knowledge quiz, with contestants Mick Foster, Tony Allen, Pauline Black, Harvey, Jonathan Ansell, Faryl Smith, Lee Latchford-Evans and Michelle Heaton trying to come up with the least likely correct answers to a series of questions posed to members of the public.

7.40 Who Dares Wins. Game show in which two pairs of complete strangers team up, each battling to outdo the other by listing as much as they know about a given subject. Last in the series.

8.25 Casualty. Connie makes an effort to show how much she cares on Grace's birthday, David returns for his first day back, and Robyn worries there is something wrong with baby Charlotte.

9.15 All Round to Mrs Brown's. Mrs Brown's Boys creator, writer and star Brendan O'Carroll dons Agnes's famous cardigan and curlers for another edition of the Saturday night chat show. Filmed in front of a live studio audience, the irreverent Irish matriarch invites friends, family and celebrity guests to join her in the sitting room as she stages mischievous stunts, and gives her visitors a piece of her mind.

10.15 BBC News; Weather.; National Lottery Update.

10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Bournemouth v Chelsea at the Vitality Stadium and Manchester City v Hull City.

11.55 Film: I Am Number Four. (2011) A teenager with special powers becomes a fugitive from aliens determined to hunt him down and destroy him. Sci-fi thriller, starring Alex Pettyfer.

1.40 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.45** BBC News.

BBC2

6.10 Film: Tinker Bell and the Secret of the Wings. (2012) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **7.15 Film:** G-Force. (2009) Children's adventure, starring Bill Nighy. **8.35 Film:** Shark Tale. (2004) Animated comedy, with the voice of Will Smith. **10.00** Natural World: The Bat Man of Mexico. (R) **11.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well. (R) **12.30** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **1.00** Golf: The Masters Highlights. **2.00** Flog It! (R) **3.00** University Challenge. (R) **3.30** Only Connect. Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts the final, in which the two most successful teams vie to make connections between things that initially do not appear to be linked. Last in the series. (R) **4.00** Gardeners' World. Monty Don starts to plant up his new fruit garden and also addresses his need for summer flowering bulbs. Carol Klein chooses the primrose as her plant of the month. (R) **4.30** Live Davis Cup Tennis. France v Great Britain. Sue Barker introduces further coverage of the second day of the World Group quarter-final, featuring the doubles rubber at the Kindarena in Rouen. **5.30** Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby. Giles Coren and Monica Galetti join the staff working in some of the most unusual hotels around the world, learning the tricks of the trade. (R)

6.30 Hotel Armadillo: Natural World. The giant armadillo, an animal so elusive few have ever seen it wild in the Brazilian wetlands region known as the Pantanal. David Attenborough reveals how the burrows the armadillos dig create homes for hundreds of other animals. Until recently man knew virtually nothing of this species, but Arnaud Desbiez, the founder of the Giant Armadillo Project, has changed all that. (R)

7.30 Golf: The Masters Live. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the third day from the Augusta National in Georgia, as the opening Major of the year continues.

12.00 Film: Ilo Ilo. (2013) A Filipino maid in Singapore becomes a firm friend to the family she works for, but a financial crisis threatens her future. Drama, with Yann Yann Yeo and Tian Wen Chen. **1.35** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two. **5.35** An Island Parish. Rosie Guille organises a visit from artists to capture the beauty of the island and lay preacher Karen Le Mouton considers leaving to pursue ordination training. (R)

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.10** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.45** Sooty. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Oddbods. (R) **7.05** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu. (R) **8.20** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.45** Scrambled!: Teen Titans Go! **9.05** Scrambled!: Adventure Time. (R) **9.25** Alphabetical. (R) **10.25** James Martin's French Adventure. (R) **11.25** Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury. (R) **12.00** ITV News; Weather. **12.10 Film:** Carry On at Your Convenience. (1971) Comedy, starring Sid James. **2.00** ITV Racing – Grand National Festival. Ed Chamberlin presents live coverage of four races from Aintree. **4.35** ITV Racing Live: The Grand National. Coverage of today's race meetings.

6.10 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.20 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Gold. Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from cute kids and crazy animals to pranks and painful-looking accidents. (R)

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The popular duo's entertainment show bows out once in a live finale from Disney World, Florida. The pair will be making sure to end things in a suitably extravagant manner. Co-hosts Scarlet Moffatt and Stephen Mulhern will no doubt be giving fans on the street and in the studio a chance to be part of the action, and Emilia Fox aims to bring the case of The Missing Crown Jewels to a close, as this series' comedy sketch whodunit concludes. Last in the series.

8.30 An Evening with Take That. A performance by the pop group, featuring new material and special versions of some of their most popular hits in front of an audience of fans from across Europe.

9.35 Film: King Kong. (2005) Peter Jackson's remake of the fantasy adventure, with Naomi Watts.

10.35 ITV News; Weather.

10.45 Film: King Kong. (2005) Concluded.

1.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** Who's Doing the Dishes? (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.20 Mobil 1 The Grid. **6.45** The King of Queens. (R) **7.10** The King of Queens. (R) **7.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** The Simpsons. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Extreme Food. **1.00** Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix Qualifying Highlights. **2.30** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. (R) **3.30** Location, Location, Location. (R) **4.30** Grand Designs. (R) **5.35** Channel 4 News.

6.05 Escape to the Chateau. Dick Strawbridge and Angel Adoree continue their renovation of a French chateau. The couple arrange to host weddings to pay for the work, and invest in solar power. (R)

7.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service. The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland. She discovers the daily routine of the household staff during a royal visit, and flicks through a scrapbook of mementos dating back to 1925, which provides an insight into how life in the royal family has changed over the years. She also meets the Queen's bugler, finds an unexpected treasure from the 1953 coronation tour and discovers how in 2012, the Queen played a simple but vital role in uniting two fractured communities in Enniskillen simply by crossing the road. (R)

8.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) A reckless slacker joins the Navy, hoping to win the respect of his girlfriend's father, a stern admiral. He and his shipmates are put to the ultimate test as part of a force of vessels that must battle an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard. Edited for language and violence.

10.35 Film: Dredd. (2012) A law enforcer in a post-apocalyptic city must fight his way out of a tower block dominated by a ruthless crime lord. Sci-fi thriller, starring Karl Urban and Lena Headey.

12.25 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.15** Million Pound Motors. (R) **2.10** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.15** Phil Spencer: Secret Agent. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.05** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **10.40** Access. **10.50** Police Interceptors: Unleashed. (R) **11.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **12.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.20** On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) **2.20** On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) **3.20** On Benefits: Life on the Dole. (R) **4.20** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords. (R) **5.15** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

6.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents chase more than £1,700 in unpaid parking fines in south-east London, but struggle to pinpoint the debtor. Meanwhile, officers in north Wales try to recover the £2,000 owed by a tradesman to a former employer, and in Kent agents chase £8,000 owed by a jewellery shop to two former employees. (R)

7.10 NCIS: Los Angeles. Part one of two. Kensi is taken into custody as chief suspect in the murder of Marine Sergeant Chris Black, but fancies her chances of catching the real killer herself.

8.00 NCIS. The Secretary of the Navy's daughter is kidnapped, and the NCIS crew teams up with the FBI to track the case, determine a motive and bring her the abducted girl home.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 Football on 5: The Championship. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce highlights from the weekend's games in the Championship, including Norwich City v Reading and Sheffield Wednesday v Newcastle United.

10.00 Football on 5: Goal Rush. George Riley and Lynsey Hipgrave introduce all the goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, including AFC Wimbledon v Bristol Rovers and Blackpool v Grimsby Town.

10.30 The Funny Side of Love and Sex. Johnny Vegas, Nish Kumar and Nina Wadia are among the celebrities and comedy stars offering their opinions on the many weird habits people put up with while "in relationships".

11.30 Comedy Bigmouths with Russell Kane. Ian Stone introduces a stand-up performance by the writer and comedian on topical themes.

11.55 Access.

12.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** Inside St Paul's Cathedral. (R)

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BBC Four
7.00 The Silk Road **8.00** Dust Storm **8.45** Wild Scotland **9.00 Film:** Department Q: The Keeper Of Lost Causes (2013) **10.30** Top of the Pops: 1983 **11.40** Psychedelic Britannia **12.45** Totally 60s Psychedelic Rock at the BBC **1.45** Pink Floyd Beginnings 1967 – 1972 **2.45** Psychedelic Britannia **3.45** Close

ITV2
11.15 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.45** Britain's Got Talent: Stephen's Top 10 Unbelivable Talents **1.45** You've Been Framed! Gold **2.15** Hairspray Live! **4.45 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **5.45** FYI Daily **5.50 Film:** The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) **7.00** Scorpion **8.00 Film:** Burlesque (2010) **9.00** FYI Daily **9.05 Film:** Burlesque (2010) **10.35** Celebrity Juice **11.15** Family Guy **12.40** American Dad! **1.40** The Cleveland Show **2.05** Ibiza Weekender **2.50** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3
11.45 Heidi **1.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **3.55** Rosemary & Thyme **4.55** Endeavour **7.00** Lewis **11.00** Les Dawson Forever **12.00** Colditz **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4
11.30 The Virtual Grand National 2017 **12.00** Pawn Stars **1.25** British Touring Car Championship Highlights **2.55 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **6.05** It's Not Rocket Science **7.10** Fierce **8.15 Film:** Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **9.15** FYI Daily **9.20 Film:** Jackie Chan's First Strike (1996) **10.00 Film:** Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **11.00** FYI Daily **11.05 Film:** Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **12.05 Film:** Renegades (1989) **1.05** FYI Daily **1.10 Film:** Renegades (1989) **2.10** Hogan's Heroes **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4
2.30 The Goldbergs **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Transporter 2 (2005) **10.45** Gogglebox **12.55** Rude Tube: Heroes and Villains **2.00** Naked Attraction **2.55** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.40** The Goldbergs **4.00** Baby Daddy **5.05** How I Met Your Mother

Film4
1.00 Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) **3.05** Dragonball Evolution (2009) **4.45** Tooth Fairy (2010) **6.55** Tower Heist (2011) **9.00** The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 2 (2012) **11.15** An American Werewolf in London (1981) **1.15** Isolation (2005) **3.10** Close

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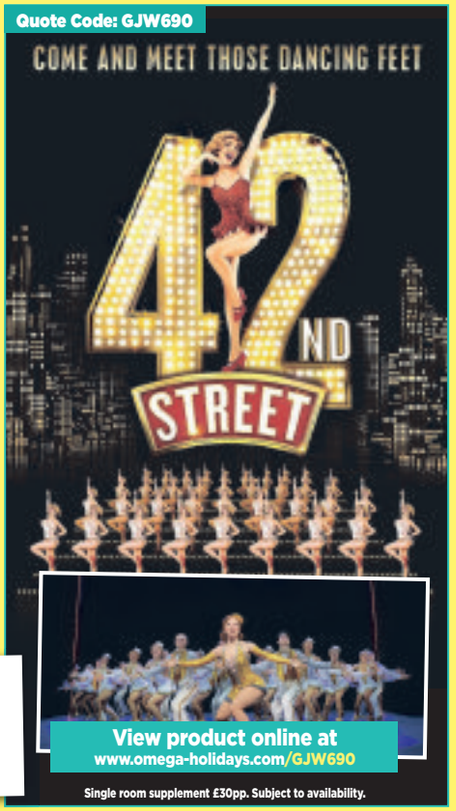

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CHOICE

Thandie Newton

Line of Duty (BBC1, 9pm)

Kate is approached by another woman who claims to have been assaulted by Michael Farmer. Combined with the new forensic evidence casting doubt over Tim Ifield, the revelation threatens to undermine AC-12 team's case, to Steve's fury. However, it gives Kate the opportunity to ingratiate herself further with the officers of Operation Trapdoor. Steve challenges Roz's husband to vouch for her whereabouts on the night Tim Ifield disappeared, and sees a new direction for the investigation when he proves evasive.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Wanted Down Under. **12.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **2.15** Countryfile Spring Diaries. (R) **3.00** Flog It! (R) **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Galapagos. (R)

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. The team are in Holderness in the east Riding of Yorkshire, where Matt Baker and Anita Rani visit Spurn Island, an area separated from the mainland by the storm surge of 2013. Matt meets a lifeboat crew, while Anita goes in search of the island's wildlife. John Craven meets a photographer documenting farming communities on Sunk Island, while Adam Henson and Tom Heap report on dairy farming.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce presents the show from Pembroke Castle in South Wales, where objects brought in to be valued include a collection of intimate photographs charting the last days of the imprisoned Russian royal family in 1917, and a stick pin presented to one of George V's servants. A dairy maid demonstrates how to use a butter maker with a connection to Queen Victoria.

9.00 Line of Duty. Kate is approached by a woman who claims to have been assaulted by Michael, while Steve challenges Roz's husband to vouch for her whereabouts on the night Tim Ifield disappeared.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Mark Chapman reviews the latest Premier League action, featuring Sunderland v Manchester United at the Stadium of Light and Everton v Leicester City at Goodison Park. Sunderland have been at their best in the final months of the season in recent years, and need to be once again if they are to pull off an impressive escape from the relegation places.

11.30 I'm Different: Let Me Drive. The stories of two learner drivers on the autistic spectrum.

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** BBC News.

BBC2

6.05 The Beechgrove Garden. **6.35** Around the World in 80 Gardens. (R) **7.35** Gardeners' World. (R) **8.05** Countryfile. (R) **9.15** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **10.45** Triathlon World Series Highlights. Action from the second round of the ITU World Triathlon Series from Gold Coast in Australia, featuring the men's and women's races. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** Live Davis Cup Tennis. France v Great Britain. Sue Barker introduces coverage of the third day of the World Group quarter-final, featuring the concluding two singles rubbers at the Kindarena in Rouen. This fixture features the two nations that just missed out on last year's final, with Britain losing to Argentina and France defeated by Croatia in their semi-finals.

6.30 Golf: The Masters Live. Hazel Irvine introduces coverage of the fourth day from the Augusta National in Georgia, as the opening Major of the year concludes. Holder Jordan Spieth of America held the lead going into this stage in 2016, but England's Danny Willett came back from five shots down at the start of the final day last year, carding an impressive five-under-par 67 to win his maiden Major. Spieth eventually finished in second place alongside Willett's compatriot Lee Westwood on a day that was also notable for Shane Lowry, Davis Love III, and Louis Oosthuizen all making hole-in-ones on the 16th. With commentary by Peter Alliss, Ken Brown, Paul Azinger and Andrew Cotter.

12.00 Film: The Tempest. (2010) A noblewoman with magical powers is banished to a remote island along with her daughter. She uses her abilities to dominate the mystical creatures living there and summons a storm that wrecks a ship. When the survivors come ashore, she learns one of them is her brother, who exiled her, and plans revenge. Shakespearean fantasy, starring Helen Mirren, Felicity Jones, Djimon Hounsou and Chris Cooper. **1.40** Sign Zone: Question Time. David Dimbleby chairs the debate from Gillingham in Kent, with a panel of politicians and other guests facing topical questions from the audience. (R) **2.40** Holby City. Serena faces her demons and comes to a heart-wrenching conclusion. Meanwhile, Zosia takes action when Isaac reveals his true colours, and Mo risks her professional reputation when she goes the extra mile. (R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.

ITV

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6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.10 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Harry Hill's Alien Fun Capsule. Madcap panel show presented by the comedian, who presides over two teams nominally tasked with saving planet Earth from any potential alien invasion. (R)

7.00 Five Gold Rings. Game show, hosted by Phillip Schofield, in which a couple takes on two friends to answer visual questions by placing rings on an LED floor.

8.00 Vera. A body is found buried on the Northumberland moors which could be a missing teenager, stirring up tension and suspicion in her nearby rural home town. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.20 Lethal Weapon. Riggs and Murtaugh investigate a case surrounding the murder of a young model, and soon uncover a vicious secret behind the locked mansion gates of one of LA's wealthiest families. (R)

11.15 The Nightly Show Best Bits. Highlights from the sixth week of the entertainment show.

11.45 Premiership Rugby Union. Highlights of the latest top-flight matches, including Wasps v Northampton Saints, Bath v Leicester Tigers and Saracens v Harlequins.

12.40 Jackpot247. **2.30** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.20** The Cube. (R) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 The King of Queens. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.55** The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** Gogglesprogs. (R) **2.30** Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix Highlights. **4.45 Film:** The Boxtrolls. (2014)

6.35 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Kevin McCloud's Escape to the Wild. The Grand Designs presenter sets out on a mission to find out if a simpler existence really can make people happier, beginning by travelling to a desert island in the south Pacific archipelago of Tonga to meet a British family who have quit the rat race. Karyn, Boris and their three children live in an off-grid property, with no fresh water or electricity and face regular threats from hurricanes and tsunamis. Kevin finds out how they cope with these challenges and the psychological trials of having just one another for company. (R)

8.00 Spying on the Royals. The conclusion of the two-part documentary about surveillance on Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. In the wake of the abdication, the couple took a holiday in America, unaware they were being spied on by US intelligence agencies as well as British. The outbreak of the Second World War saw them move on to Lisbon, where their dealings with a known Nazi collaborator raised concerns for MI5.

9.00 Homeland. Keane and Saul join forces to shut down the campaign of disinformation, things come to a head for Carrie and Quinn, and Max is detained by Dar.

10.05 Gogglebox. Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (R)

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown. Jimmy Carr hosts the comedy words and numbers quiz, with Lee Mack and Catherine Tate taking on Sean Lock and Miles Jupp, and John Cooper Clarke in Dictionary Corner. (R)

12.05 Film: The Guard. (2011) **1.50** Great British Buildings: Restoration of the Year. (R) **2.45** Isis and the Battle for Iraq. (R) **3.40** Unreported World. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Peppa Pig. (R) **6.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **6.15** Milkshake! Bop Box. (R) **6.20** Paw Patrol. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.40** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.55** Rupert Bear. (R) **7.05** Olly the Little White Van. **7.10** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **7.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **7.35** Little Princess. (R) **7.50** Paw Patrol. (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) **8.30** Noddy: Toyland Detective. (R) **8.50** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.05** Shimmer and Shine. (R) **9.30** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.40** Peppa Pig. (R) **9.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** Football on 5: The Championship. (R) **11.25** Football on 5: Goal Rush. (R) **11.55** The Gadget Show. (R) **12.55** Toddlers Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) **1.50 Film:** Free Birds. (2013) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Owen Wilson. **3.30** 5 News Weekend. **3.35 Film:** Fool's Gold. (2008) Romantic comedy adventure, with Matthew McConaughey and Kate Hudson. **5.45 Film:** PS I Love You. (2007) Romantic drama, starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler.

8.00 Playful Pups Make You Laugh Out Loud. Compilation of internet videos featuring puppies doing bizarre and humorous things.

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 When Chat Shows Go Horribly Wrong. Gloria Hunniford narrates a compilation of talk show disasters. The programme features Eamonn Holmes' infamous interview with a monosyllabic David Blaine, Spike Milligan causing mayhem on Wogan, Joan Rivers launching into a rant at guest Brigitte Nielsen, and Katrina Buchanan enduring a succession of technical issues while appearing on a live Irish chat show.

12.05 One Night With My Ex. Another three ex-couples spend a night alone together. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. Viewers get the chance to take part in live interactive gaming, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. **3.10** Law & Order: Criminal Intent. Goren and Eames investigate the death of a wine connoisseur. (R) **4.00** Criminals: Caught on Camera. The use of CCTV to tackle violent crime. (R) **4.50** House Doctor. Home improvements from Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire. (R) **5.15** Wildlife SOS. The work of an animal sanctuary. (R) **5.40** Angels of Jarm. Murali cares for an injured bird. (R) **5.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Britain at War: Imperial War Museums at 100 **8.00** Teenage Tommies **9.00** Horizon: Global Weirding **10.00** Radio 2 Folk Awards 2017: Highlights **11.00** Arena: Alone with Chrissie Hynde **12.30** The Story of Maths **1.30** The Bermuda Triangle: Beneath the Waves **2.30** Exposed: Magicians, Psychics and Frauds – Storyville **3.50** Close

ITV2

11.30 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **1.00** 2Awesome **1.05** 2Awesome: Guidance **1.40** 2Awesome: Fame High **2.00** 2Awesome: LA Story **2.10** 2Awesome: Side Effects **2.40** Mr Bean **3.50 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **4.50** FYI Daily **4.55 Film:** Liar Liar (1997) **5.35 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **6.35** FYI Daily **6.40 Film:** The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) **9.00 Film:** Horrible Bosses (2011) **10.00** FYI Daily **10.05 Film:** Horrible Bosses (2011) **11.05** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **1.25** The Vampire Diaries **2.20** Teleshopping **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

11.40 Heidi **1.40** Sherlock Holmes: The Eligible Bachelor **3.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Les Dawson Forever **11.05 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) **12.05** FYI Daily **12.10 Film:** Elizabeth: The Golden Age (2007) **1.20** A Touch of Frost **3.00** May the Best House Win **4.45** On the Buses **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

2.40 Film: The Alamo (1960) **3.40** FYI Daily **3.45 Film:** The Alamo (1960) **5.55** Fishing Impossible **6.55** The Big Fish Off **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** The Deer Hunter (1978) **10.05** FYI Daily **10.10 Film:** The Deer Hunter (1978) **12.45** River Monsters **1.50** Fifth Gear **2.40** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

1.00 Black-ish **1.30** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.30 Film:** Evolution (2001) **4.35** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **11.00** E4's Tattoo Artist of the Year **12.05** Celebrity First Dates **1.10** Naked Attraction

Film4

11.00 The Black Shield of Falworth (1954) **1.00** Cutthroat Island (1995) **3.25** Avatar (2009) **6.35** Speed 2: Cruise Control (1997) **9.00** The Other Woman (2014) **11.10** Extract (2010) **12.55** The Insider (1999) **4.00** Close

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Hummingbird, Channel 5, 11pm
A haunted special forces soldier returns to London from Afghanistan and assumes another man's identity, hoping to make a fresh start. He is drawn into the city's criminal underworld, where his skills prove valuable to the highest bidder, and plots revenge against the gangster who killed his girlfriend. Crime thriller, with Jason Statham and Agata Buzek. (2013)

TUESDAY
No Strings Attached, BBC1, 11.35pm
Two childhood friends run into each other and end up sleeping together. Neither of them is interested in committing to a relationship, so they agree to keep things purely sexual. But despite their best efforts, they start to fall in love. Romantic comedy, starring Natalie Portman, Ashton Kutcher, Kevin Kline and Cary Elwes. (2011)

Selma, Friday, BBC2, 9pm

WEDNESDAY
Deadly Daycare, Channel 5, 3.20pm
A divorcee suspects nursery staff of mistreating her young daughter. When the girl's increasingly awkward behaviour arouses suspicion, the mother plants a hidden camera on the premises and discovers why the owner may hold a grudge against her. Thriller, starring Kayla Ewell. (2014)

THURSDAY
Independence Daysaster, Channel 5, 3.15pm
America's fourth of July celebrations are abruptly interrupted when Earth is invaded by hostile aliens. A maverick scientist and a small-town firefighter join forces to find and activate the only piece of technology in the world that can destroy the extraterrestrial army. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ryan Merriman. (2013)

FRIDAY
Selma, BBC2, 9pm
In 1965, amidst an atmosphere of racial unrest, civil rights campaigner Dr Martin Luther King Jr plans a peaceful march across Alabama from Selma to Montgomery. His goal is to persuade President Lyndon B Johnson to change the law, allowing black people to register to vote. Fact-based drama, starring David Oyelowo and Carmen Ejogo. (2014)

Returning series sees Peter back in the driving seat

Sometimes the best ideas are simple ones.

That's certainly the case for sitcoms anyway. Some of the greats have had a very straightforward premise. Steptoe and Son was set mainly in a scrapyard, Basil and Sybil never set foot outside the grounds of Fawlty Towers and Father Ted was confined (mostly) to Craggy Island.

Peter Kay's Car Share follows in their footsteps by keeping the 'action' contained inside the car of assistant supermarket manager John Redmond's red Fiat 500L.

However, it didn't take its inspiration from any of the aforementioned programmes, but rather Roger & Val Have Just Got In, an underrated gem of a bittersweet comedy which aired for two series between 2010 and 2012. Alfred Molina and Dawn French played the central characters whose lives were unravelled during the half-hour following their return home from work.

Co-writers Tim Reid and Paul Coleman also drew from the Bafta-winning sitcom The Smoking Room, which was cancelled after its premise – discussions between co-workers using an area set aside by their company for nicotine addicts – was made redundant by the 2007 smoking ban.

Although Car Share's most famous participant is Peter Kay, it really doesn't belong to him. As mentioned above, it was Reid and Coleman's idea, although Kay and co-star Sian Gibson contribute to the scripts, and it would, admittedly, be difficult to imagine the series without them.

Gibson was largely unknown before the series aired. She first met Kay when they studied together at Salford University; he later cast her in Comedy Lab, That Peter Kay Thing, Phoenix Nights and Britain's Got the Pop Factor… It was she who brought the initial scripts to Kay, but hadn't expected to appear in it until he asked her to get involved – in fact, she hadn't auditioned for any acting roles for a year, and was working in a call centre instead.

If anything, Gibson is the real star of the show. It's turned her into a star, offering her a chance to demonstrate her not inconsiderable comedic talents – it can only be a matter of time before she has her own vehicle (pardon the pun).

She's certainly thrilled to be back in the passenger seat: "I'm really excited that Car Share is coming back. We had so much fun making the first series and I can't wait to be Kayleigh Kitson again."

Kayleigh is, of course, a promotions rep at the store where John works, and they were thrown together by a scheme encouraging car sharing between co-workers.

Although Kay is used to success, even he was surprised by how well the show was received: "The success of the first series has been completely overwhelming," he says.

The end of the previous run saw the duo grow ever-closer, and there was a hint of romance in the air. Will they be an item when we meet up with them again?

Peter Kay's Car Share, Tuesday, BBC1, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Warship
Channel 4, 8pm
New series. Documentary following the Royal Navy's HMS Ocean on a seven-month active deployment, policing some of the most volatile waters on the planet and co-ordinating the fight against Isis. In this first edition, HMS Ocean leaves Plymouth for the Mediterranean, where the Tailored Air Group of elite armed forces helicopter pilots have just three weeks to learn how to take off and land on a carrier, but engine problems and the approach of a huge storm mean the new recruits and the old hands must pull together to succeed.

TUESDAY
The Biggest Night in British Theatre – The Olivier Awards
ITV, 8pm
Jason Manford is on hand to guide us through the prestigious ceremony honouring the best theatrical shows of the past 12 months. Tim Minchin's Groundhog Day musical was one of the highlights when it debuted at The Old Vic last summer, and there's a chance it will do just as well on Broadway. He'll be flying in to represent the show, while other highlights include Amber Riley performing And I Am Telling You from Dreamgirls, the cast of School Of Rock The Musical will be wowing the masses, and there's a performance from Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes.

WEDNESDAY
Rhod Gilbert's Work Experience
BBC2, 10pm
New series. The presenter returns to try out more alternative careers, and begins by taking to the streets of Cwmbran to learn the business of selling houses. Although we know Rhod has the gift of the gab, Gavin, his new mentor, believes happy people sell, placing extra pressure on the grumpy comedian. Will Rhod's unique approach prove to be an asset in the high-octane sales environment and make him employee of the month, or will he have the potential home buyers running scared?

THURSDAY
The World According to Kids
BBC2, 8pm
New series. Children aged between six and 11 from across the UK are equipped with cameras to reveal what they really think of the world, while a number of challenges offer an intimate insight into how they think. In the opening show, children from a debating club in Bradford, a pony club in Berkshire and a drama class in Gloucester explore their feelings of love and hate. Eight-year-old Abigail discusses her parents' impending wedding, Daniel is looking forward to seeing his father – who has been posted overseas with the Army – and Edmund just loves to hate his little sister.

Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast, Friday, Channel 5, 8pm

FRIDAY
Last Days of Jesus
Channel 5, 6.05pm
Back in 2004, gospel accounts of Jesus' crucifixion formed the inspiration for Mel Gibson's film, The Passion of the Christ. The movie sparked enormous controversy for how it portrayed Jesus' death, but piecing together what happened during his final week is a task that has puzzled scholars for centuries. This documentary asks what could have triggered the crucifixion, and reveals the events that may have sparked Jesus' religious movement, including the death of John the Baptist and an increasing resentment among the people towards Rome. It also examines how power was shifting in the highest reaches of the Roman empire.

Tony Robinson: Coast to Coast
Channel 5, 8pm
The presenter reaches the North Yorkshire Moors and takes to the skies for a bird's-eye view of the journey ahead from the cockpit of a glider from the Sutton Bank gliding club. Back on the ground, he admires the ruins of Rievaulx Abbey and learns the tale of power and greed that eventually brought down the monastery. In the orchards of Ampleforth Abbey, where rare heritage varieties are grown to produce juice and cider, Tony discovers a secret that evokes vivid memories of his childhood.

Lethal Weapon
ITV, 9pm
As Riggs and Murtaugh examine the murder of one of LA's fashion expeditors, they follow a trail of evidence that leads them to a dangerous underground investigation led by the DEA. Clayne Crawford and Damon Wayans star.

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Codeword

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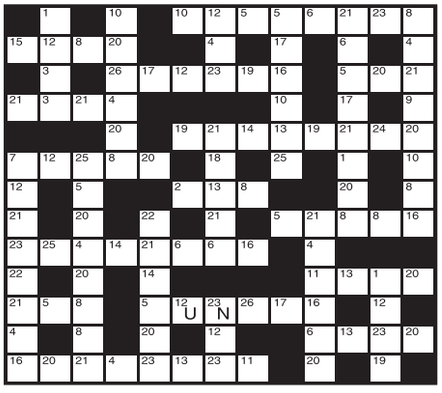

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

1 K	2 P	3 Z	4 I	5 F	6 G	7 A	8 W	9 D	10 R	11 H	12 J	13 Y
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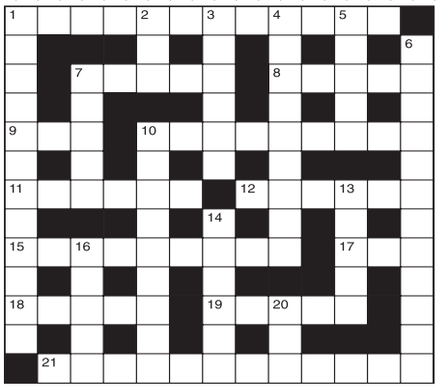
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. First job involves race at the beginning (8,4)
7. Snake on street gets crow (5)
8. The vehicle will travel as freight (5)
9. Where part of the foot points? (3)
10. Where a prisoner's feelings are registered? (5,4)
11. A knotty problem when medicine is missing (6)
12. Could become silent to give ear (6)
15. Gains fare for travelling on the ocean (9)
17. Vapour given off in making a simple substance (3)
18. No lag lengthwise (5)
19. Animal to take the wheel (5)
21. Give exercise to show practice follows preaching (3,2,7)

Down

1. Filming leading lady with heavenly body? (8,4)
2. Beverage made from waste apples (3)
3. Character of wicked aunt again shown (6)
4. Choose to get in wrong set when supporting strike (9)
5. Be useful and set ball in play (5)
6. Strong, ill disturbed one is no moss gatherer (7,5)
7. About fifty become more flexible and mix well (5)
10. Got a snail to show sentimental feeling (9)
13. Stripes not on an NCO's uniform (5)
14. It's out to take to court for material (6)
16. No ale when unaccompanied (5)
20. A long time in the rain (3)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Heartbroken (12)
7. Black (5)
8. Collier (5)
9. Trap (3)
10. Indifference (9)
11. Unmask (6)
12. Powerful (6)
15. Withdrew (9)
17. Reverential fear (3)
18. Dense (5)
19. Likeness (5)
21. Reinforced (12)

Down

1. Break up (12)
2. Globe (3)
3. Diction (6)
4. In layers (9)
5. Strained (5)
6. Sinned (12)
7. Establish (3,2)
10. Liberate (9)
13. Declaim (5)
14. Twine (6)
16. Corrupt (5)
20. Tree (3)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid above so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 4 Advance; 8 Osiers; 9 Avarice; 10 Fitter; 11 Detour; 12 Negative; 18 Medicine; 20 Groove; 21 Plates; 22 Intense; 23 Entree; 24 Seconds. Down: 1 Roofing; 2 Vintage; 3 Ardent; 5 Dividend; 6 Aerate; 7 Cactus; 13 Immersed; 14 Distort; 15 Measles; 16 Fringe; 17 Toledo; 19 Island.
QUICK - Across: 4 Dispute; 8 Emblem; 9 Assault; 10 Foeman; 11 Accent; 12 Devotion; 18 Free-will; 20 Debate; 21 Latent; 22 Javelin; 23 Person; 24 Century. Down: 1 Perfidy; 2 Observe; 3 Tenant; 5 Instance; 6 Prance; 7 Talent; 13 Inferior; 14 Disease; 15 Blatant; 16 Decade; 17 Patent; 19 Elated.

Quiz

1. What was captured from Spain by admiral George Rooke in 1704?
2. In which sport is the annual Stanley Cup contested?
3. With which instrument is Keith Jarrett associated?
4. Which Bond film features a Louis Armstrong hit song?
5. What do the letters UHT stand for?
6. Of which country is Karachi the largest city?
7. In Greek mythology, who tried to bring Eurydice back from the dead?
8. Niacin belongs to which group of vitamins?
9. Which dog was first bred as the 'imperial lion dog'?
10. Which English garden designer coined the term 'landscape gardening'?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Hendrik Verwoerd; 2 Trampolining; 3 Carson City; 4 A deer; 5 George Martin; 6 Literature; 7 Lincolnshire; 8 Thomas Edison; 9 The RAC Rally; 10 Vaclav Havel.

Niner: NOURISHED

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

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48925 gives a good person,
7817371645 gives a person.

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20/5	5	Great Yarmouth
22/5	5	Cornwall (Looe)(more dates)
22/5	6	Highland Railways
29/5	5	Ilfracombe
29/5	5	Snowdonia and Trains
29/5	5	Yorkshire Dales
5/6	4	Tenby (more dates)
5/6	5	Bournemouth (more dates)
5/6	5	Warners Thornsby Hall
8/6	5	Norfolk Broads

DATE	DAYS	
12/6	5	Isle of Wight (more dates)
22/6	5	Sidmouth (more dates)
26/6	5	Babbacombe
3/7	5	Scarborough
9/7	6	Durham and Northumbria
14/7	5	Falmouth
19/7	5	Llandudno (more dates)
23/7	7	Scotland Fort William
31/7	5	North Devon Bideford
31/7	5	Isle of Scilly
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Note that new Tenerife cool vibe

TENERIFE'S sleepy landscape is changing. If you head to the island, you may need to pack your party heels to investigate the island's cool new vibe. . .

Eyeing up Elton John's multi-coloured feathery showman costume and a skimpy gold Britney Spears number, I wonder if I've underdressed for dinner.

These 100-plus pieces of memorabilia are all part of the furniture at Hard Rock Hotel Tenerife, where music legends are brought to life at every turn. Tracy Chapman lyrics line the wall, countless iconic instruments dangle from ceilings, and even the disabled toilet sign has been tweaked to carry a guitar and 'rock on' hand symbol.

HRH Tenerife opened on the sunny southern coast near Adeje late last year, and true to its name, it's rocking the sleepy side of Tenerife as we know it. Think live gigs and DJ sessions with a set list to rival Ibiza, played out on a 5,000-capacity stage boasting a view of the Atlantic.

Music makers can upgrade their DIY jam sessions in the Rock Royalty penthouse suites, or dial in room service for a pop-up studio Fender electric guitar and amp (headphones provided so you don't wake the neighbours).

Time to relax at the lovely pool bar at Hard Rock

Dancing along at opening night of Children of the 80s

OBSESSED

Popstar Shakira's T-shirt is displayed right outside my hotel room and I become obsessed with a Beatles photography exhibit – a collection of 11 super-cool vacation snaps from 1963 taken in Tenerife before the band rocketed to fame. A month later, Please Please Me went to number one for 30 weeks.

We experience the hotel's first ever monthly Children Of The 80s open-air night where we dance (jacket-free in December) to live performances of Black Box's Ride on Time and C+C Music Factory's Gonna Make You Sweat in a sea of neon leotards and OTT Eighties wigs. It doesn't feel anything like the Tenerife my mum told me about. . .

Tenerife's southern coast revamp has seen a boost to its nightlife in recent years, with hotspots like the lively Monkey Beach Club and the chic Papagayo Beach Club, both at Troya Beach where you can watch the Canarian sunset with cocktails – and then party on after-dark.

But it isn't all dancing 'til the small hours in Tenerife. On our visit, we blow away the morning-after hangover blues with a visit to the breathtaking Teide National Park, where we explore the stark volcanic landscape that attracts five million visitors per year. So good in fact, it's been the backdrop for films like Clash of the Titans and Fast & Furious 6.

My head for heights is challenged when we climb 3,718 metres above sea level in a cable car practically to the summit of Mount Teide, Spain's highest peak, where Tenerife's temperatures suddenly drop, along with the air pressure. The trade-off is the breathtaking, Instagram-worthy views. The scene back at HRH Tenerife isn't all monochrome mosaic pools with underwater music (though that is pretty epic). Beach fans will find both volcanic black sand and soft white sand in the secluded surrounding bays, if you ever want a break from the hotel's playlist.

Tenerife's newest uber-hotel (two tower blocks bathed in flickering lights at night) is different to its global sister hotels, insists Matt Watts, director of music and marketing for Hard Rock International: "It's not 'in your face' like our Vegas hotel. The vibe is more feel-good and subdued."

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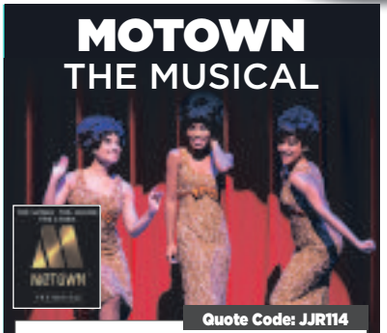

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Other stand-out features include large gardens with a duck pond, an original slaughter house now converted into a handy outbuilding, a gravel driveway with parking plus a separate large garage and rear workshop.

Situated down a private driveway, the property offers potential buyers a unique chance to purchase a charming and historic property in the heart of the countryside whilst being close to commuter routes.

On the ground floor there is a living room, study, sitting room, dining room, dining kitchen, hallway, cellar room, laundry, boot room and downstairs WC. On the first floor are two landing areas, four double bedrooms and a single, with an en-suite to the master, a family bathroom and further separate shower room.

In more detail the lounge has a log burner-effect gas fire, solid oak flooring and exposed ceiling beams. The study has a feature fireplace with a coal effect gas fire and a stunning tiled Grade II listed surround and solid oak flooring. The sitting room has a brick inglenook fireplace with a fitted log burner-effect gas fire and solid oak flooring.

The rear hallway has original red quarry tiled flooring. The dining kitchen is in traditional country farmhouse style including a Belfast sink, space for a gas range cooker, space for fridge freezer, washing machine and dishwasher, original red quarry tiled flooring, and a feature log burner. The cellar is spacious, with tiled flooring and a shower.

The dining room has a brick inglenook fireplace with a log burner effect gas fire and solid oak flooring.

ESSINGTON £950,000

TO VIEW THIS PROPERTY

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EMAIL: info@lovettco.co.uk

KEY FEATURES

- Beautifully restored
- 5 bedrooms
- Outbuildings/workshop & storage/office
- Stunning original features
- Large open field with duck pond

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Land to rear 167 High Street, Chase Terrace	12.00pm	12.00pm
75 High Street, Cheslyn Hay *	12.45pm	12.45pm
Land to rear of 19 Watling Street, Churchbridge	By attending on site with Catalogue to hand	
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* Viewings for 75 High Street - Viewing of vacant flats indicated above
Shops and occupied flat by appointment with auctioneers

LOT 1

LAND REAR OF 19 WATLING STREET, CHURCHBRIDGE, CANNOCK, WS11 3JY
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Freehold residential building land with benefit for two schemes
- Scheme 1 - Four 2 bedroom semi detached house
- Scheme 2 - Four 2 bedroom detached bungalows
- Convenient for facilities locally and at Cannock Town Centre

GUIDE PRICE £200,000-250,000

LOT 2

39 ABBEY STREET, HEDNESFORD, WS12 4BB
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Detached bungalow in popular residential area
- Standing on relatively deep plot
- In need to some improvement
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating F (35)

GUIDE PRICE £100,000+

LOT 3

75 HIGH STREET, CHESLYN HAY, WS6 7AD
FREEHOLD INVESTMENT WITH PART VACANT POSSESSION
- Currently producing £10,300 P.A. but capable of £19,900 P.A when fully let
- Prominently located mixed residential/commercial investment
- Two ground floor lock up shops
- 3 Self contained flats

GUIDE PRICE £175,000+

LOT 4

79 SHARON WAY, HEDNESFORD, WS12 2NN
LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Semi detached house in need of renovation
- Lounge & dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Part double glazed
- EPC rating F (21)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000 - £80,000

LOT 5

LAND ADJACENT TO 9 WHITGREAVE LANE, RUGELEY, WS15 1NG
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Residential Freehold building land
- With outline planning permission for 2No three bedroomed dwellings
- Approximate dimensions: Area 380m² or thereabouts

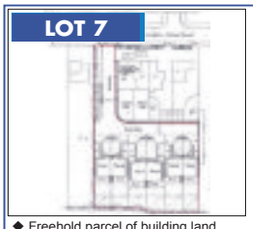
GUIDE PRICE £80,000 to £100,000

LOT 6

103 STAFFORD STREET, HEATH HAYES, WS12 2EN
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Semi detached house
- In need of refurbishment
- Three bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £120,000+

LOT 7



BUILDING LAND REAR OF 167 HIGH STREET, CHASETOWN, WS7 3XL
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Freehold parcel of building land
- Having planning permission for the erection of three pairs of 3 bedroom semi detached houses
- Site area - 0.49 acre of therabouts

GUIDE PRICE £300,000+

Attractive two bedroom semi in Cannock up for sale

Overlooking green space to the front, this two-bedroomed semi-detached house in Wellington Drive, Cannock is for sale through DB Roberts at £129,995.

CANNOCK
£129,995

Located within a popular area of Cannock it lies near to the town centre located on a corner plot.

The standout features of the property include a spacious lounge, a refitted kitchen with gloss units, a utility room, two good sized bedrooms and an upstairs shower room.

Further benefits include an enclosed paved rear garden, a recently installed new central heating boiler and double glazing.

The property is well placed to provide easy access to Cannock town centre which offers a wide range of amenities, with both local and national bus and train services available.

For further information, or to book that all important viewing, please contact DB Roberts & Partners on 01543 469966 or visit www.dbroberts.co.uk

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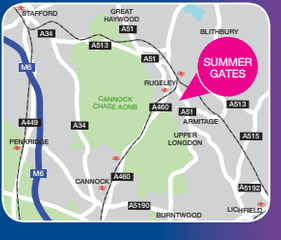

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Executive-style detached home on a private development

HEDNESFORD
£265,000 <<<

An open day event is being held this Saturday, April 8 between 12pm and 2pm at Plot Two, Hill Top, Hednesford, Cannock.

A stunning detached house, forming part of a private development of just two executive properties, it is for sale through butters john bee at £265,000.

The property is built to the highest of standards and will have carpets fitted throughout.

Internally the spacious accommodation consists of a porch, entrance hall, living room, kitchen/diner, laundry room, guest cloakroom, master bedroom with an en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside there is a driveway, single garage and a private garden.

Call butters john bee on 01543 500030 or visit www.buttersjohnbee.com for more information.

Fine three bedroom semi on the market

CANNOCK
£174,950

Having recently been put on the property market, this charming extended three-bedroomed semi-detached house in Harbell Close, Cannock is for sale through Paul Carr at £174,950.

Its accommodation briefly comprises an extended kitchen, a spacious lounge, three bedrooms, a family bathroom, a rear garden and off road parking for several cars via a full width block paved driveway frontage.

Its lounge has an attractive modern feature fireplace and a window to the front. The dining room has wood-effect flooring and glazed doors opening out to the rear garden which has a lawn and a patio area.

Contact Paul Carr on 01543 686444 or visit www.paulcarrestateagents.co.uk

Don't miss the launch of our stylish new Showhome!

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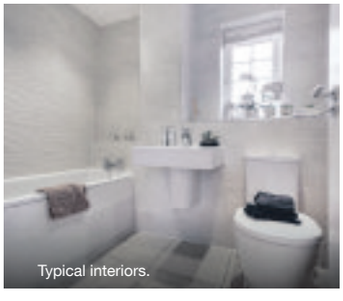
Typical interiors.

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CONEY LODGE

Rugeley Road, Burntwood WS7 1NT

The wait is over for our Coney Lodge Showhome launch! Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th April is your first opportunity to get a feel for life at this exclusive new collection.

See the stunning views of Gentleshaw Common and explore the luxurious living spaces that these three and four-bedroom homes have to offer.

Prices start from £280,000* with Help to Buy, or alternatively, take advantage of our part exchange or assisted purchase packages to secure your perfect home.

*Based on a full market price of £350,000. Please speak to a Sales Advisor for details.

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LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD, WS12 1JB

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❖HIGH QUALITY SANITARY WARE
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❖FULLY DOUBLE GLAZED
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❖INTRUDER ALARM
❖FITTED KITCHEN

❖10 YEAR NHBC WARRANTY❖

PLOT	TYPE	BEDS	TENURE	PRICE	AVAILABILITY
1	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	N/A	RETAINED
2	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	N/A	RETAINED
3	DETACHED HOUSE	2	FREEHOLD	£164,950	AVAILABLE
4	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£167,950	SALE AGREED
5	SEMI DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£167,950	AVAILABLE
6	DETACHED HOUSE	3	FREEHOLD	£185,000	SALE AGREED

51 MANOR AVENUE, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OF CHARACTER Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Convenient For Facilities at Cannock Town Centre

- Lounge
- Double glazed conservatory
- Breakfast kitchen
- Side entrance lobby & utility room
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Off road parking and well stocked garden
- Predominatly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (56)

£289,950 FREEHOLD

21 EARLSWOOD WAY, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION OVER THREE FLOORS Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen and utility
- Four bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room
- Family bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating B (81)

£240,000 FREEHOLD

3 SAREDON ROAD, CHESLYN HAY

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE Located In A Popular Residential Area Of This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Lounge and dining room
- Refitted kitchen
- Study/snug and utility
- Four bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked private gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (64)

£274,950 FREEHOLD

BELLA VISTA, COLEY LANE, LITTLE HAYWOOD

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION Occupying Flexible 3/4 Bedroomed Accommodation Occupying Private Gardens In An Elevated Position With Views to Cannock Chase Located On The Edge On This Popular Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen/dining/family/garden room
- Bedroom 4/study
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and family bathroom
- Private gardens
- Detached garage
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (86)

£365,000 FREEHOLD

40 OLD PENKRIDGE ROAD, CANNOCK

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED, IMPROVED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE WITH FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING SELF CONTAINED FLAT SUITABLE FOR EXTENDED FAMILY OCCUPYING MATURE WELL STOCKED GARDENS In Much Sought After Residential Area Adjoining Cannock Park To The Rear

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Games/hobby/play room
- Five bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Shower room
- Self contained flat (currently let on AST)
- Double integral garage
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- EPC rating D (66)

£615,000 FREEHOLD

8 WINDERMERE PLACE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located in Much Sought After Quiet Cul-De-Sac Convenient for Facilities at the Town Centre

- Lounge and dining area
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility/rear porch
- Two bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Wellstocked gardens and built on garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating tbc

£239,950 FREEHOLD

12 ULLSWATER PLACE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW Located In popular Cul-De-Sac convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Reception hall
- L shaped lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

47 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

IMPROVED WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Close To The Shoal Hill District Of Cannock Chase And Overlooking Greenbelt Farmland To The Front

- Lounge/dining area
- Double glazed conservatory
- Kitchen
- Lobby and shower room with WC
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Integral garage (limited length)
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£235,950 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELDS GARDENS

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❖Lounge
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❖Family Bathroom and En-Suite Shower Room
❖Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite and Dressing Room
❖Private Garden at Rear
❖Garage
❖Gas Fired Central Heating
❖Fully Double Glazed

Well Equipped Four Bedroom Mews House
PRICE: £234,950 FREEHOLD

EPC Rating B (82)
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56 DARTMOUTH ROAD, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Entrance hall
- Sitting room and living room
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating & all windows are double glazed
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating D (61)

£525 pcm

44 BROOK LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

SPACIOUS THREE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathrooom
- Separate WC
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry n pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (71)

£495pcm

232 HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED AND PRESENTED TWO BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Gardens & off road parking to the rear
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: tbc

£595pcm

75C HIGH STREET, CHESLYN HAY

ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: E (48)

£395pcm

6 LOVE LANE PARK HOMES, LOVE LANE, RUGELEY

NEWLY REFURBISHED ONE BEDROOM PARK HOME
SITUATED IN WELL MAINTAINED PARK HOME DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Shower room
- Bedroom
- Off road parking
- Gardens & decked terrace
- LPG central heating
- Fully double glazed
- For persons aged 50 and over
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers

£435.00 pcm

KEEPERS LODGE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

A SUPERB FOUR BEDROOM LISTED DETACHED PROPERTY
Located At The Entrance Of The Picturesque Country Estate Of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Dining/garden room
- Dining kitchen
- Guests cloakroom
- Ground floor bedroom with en-suite shower
- Cellar
- Three first floor bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Extensive off road parking, paddock & gardens
- No pets, smokers, DSS or sharers

£1750pcm

7 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

ONE BEDROOM SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Located on the Picturesque Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed & Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds
- Communal parking
- Sorry no DSS, smokers or pets
- EPC rating D (68)

£495.00 pcm

APARTMENT 4 MANOR COURT, 7A TANHOUSE FARM ROAD, SOLIHULL

UNDER APPLICATION

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT
Conveniently Located In Much Sought After Residential Area

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated parking space
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: C (73)

£625pcm

8 WATERSMEAD CLOSE, WIMBLEBURY

WELL MAINTAINED TWO BEDROOMED MID MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Newly installed kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- Parking space
- Sorry No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (75)

£600 pcm

5 BEECH TREE COURT, BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

TWO BEDROOM SECOND FLOOR APARTMENT LOCATED IN POPULAR DEVELOPMENT
Convenient For Facilities at the Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Entrance hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating & fully double glazed
- Security phone intercom & allocated parking
- No DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating C (79)

£495pcm

NO.4 SANDY COURT, 3 SANDY LANE, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED LUXURY TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located In Much Sought After Development In The Shoal Hill District Of The Town Adjoining Cannock Chase

- Lounge/dining/kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Luxury bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Security gated access
- Intruder alarm
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (79)

£695pcm

1C CANNOCK ROAD, BURNTWOOD

WELL PRESENTED ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
Convenient For Local Facilities

- Entrance lobby
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£450pcm

15 PARTRIDGE CLOSE, HEATH HAYES

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED END MEWS HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Entrance hall
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Guest cloaksroom with WC
- Landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Ensuite shower room & ensuite bathroom
- Garden & gardens
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers

£600.00pcm

6 BADGERS WAY, HEATH HAYES

THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built-on garage
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, DSS or smokers
- EPC rating: D (60)

£600pcm

8 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED MID MEWS HOUSE
Built To A High Specification Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre And Cannock Train Station

- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: B (84)

£600pcm

3 PARK STREET, CHESLYN HAY

WELL PRESENTED MID TERRACED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Local Facilities

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Cellar
- Bathroom
- Three bedrooms
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: D (61)

£625pcm

15 BURGOYNE STREET, CANNOCK

WELL APPOINTED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen & utility room
- Ground floor shower room
- Four double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room & family bathroom
- Integral garage
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Sorry no pets, smokers, DSS or sharers
- EPC rating: D (66)

£1050pcm

282 WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

WELL MAINTAINED THREE/FOUR BEDROOMED SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Enclosed porch & reception hall
- Lounge
- Dining room/bedroom 4
- Refitted kitchen
- Inner lobby & guest cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms & refitted bathroom
- Fully double glazed & gas central heating
- Garden & off road parking
- Sorry No DSS, smokers or pets allowed
- EPC rating D (65)

£650pcm

FLAT 3 HATHERTON HOUSE, CROWNBRIDGE, PENKRIDGE

TWO BEDROOMED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: B (81)

£525 pcm

1 FOUNTAIN COURT, TEDDESLEY PARK, PENKRIDGE

SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated on the Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner Hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Communal landscaped gardens
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry No pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating C (69)

£615pcm

34 CHESTNUT DRIVE, GREAT WYRLEY

EXTENSIVELY REFURBISHED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Residential Area

- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Cloaksroom with wc
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: E (46)

£695 pcm

75A HIGH STREET, CHESLYN HAY

ONE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£395pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate of Teddesley Park

- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating C (77)

£685pcm

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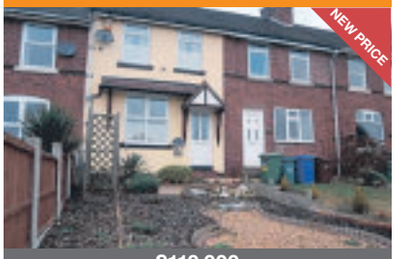


£110,000

• Two Bedroom Mid Terrace • Two Reception Rooms
• Extended Kitchen • Upstairs Bathroom
• Rear Parking & No Chain • EPC =D

Dundalk Lane Cheslyn Hay

£185,000

• Semi Detached Dorma Bungalow • Three Bedrooms
• Two Reception Rooms • Fitted Kitchen
• Gardens, Parking and Garage • EPC = D

Colliers Way Cannock

£267,500

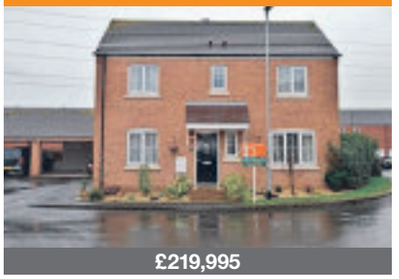
• Five Bed Detached • Two En Suites & Family Bathroom
• Garage & Driveway • Open Plan Kitchen Diner
• Rear Garden • EPC = C

High Street Chasetown

£290,000

• Extended Detached Bungalow • Four/Five Bedrooms
• Impressive Lounge Diner • Shower Room and Bathroom
• Viewing Recommended • EPC = TBC

Packington Mews Bridgtown



£219,995

• Immaculate Detached House • Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms
• Lounge & Conservatory • Carport & Corner Plot Position
• En suite Shower Room
• EPC = C

Banbury Road Cannock

£170,000

• Four Bed Extended Semi detached • Loft Conversion
• Driveway To Front • Conservatory
• Rear Garden • EPC = TBC

St. Johns Road Cannock

£219,995

• Detached Family Home • Impressive Lounge Diner
• Refitted Breakfast Kitchen • Three Bedrooms
• Close To Cannock Town Centre • EPC = E

Lingfield Road Norton Canes

£169,995

• Superbly Presented Semi Detached • Lounge & Dining Room
• Guest WC & Ensuite Shower Room • Three Bedrooms
• Detached Garage & Cul De Sac Location • EPC = D

Limepit Lane Huntington

£310,000

• Impressive Detached Dormer Bungalow • High Quality Throughout
• Superb 15ft Lounge & Guest WC • Ground Floor Double Bedroom with En Suite
• Two First Floor Double Bedrooms • EPC = C

Station Road Hednesford

£135,000

• Traditional Semi Detached House • Two Reception Rooms
• Stylish Refitted Kitchen • Three Bedrooms & No Chain
• Modernised Throughout • EPC = D

New Penkridge Road Cannock

£108,000

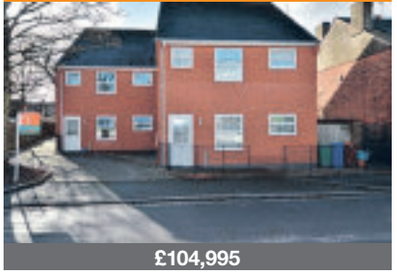
• First Floor Apartment • Popular Town Centre Location
• Two Bedrooms & Family Bathroom • Allocated Parking
• Ideally suited for a First Time Buyer • EPC = TBC

Clover Ridge Cheslyn Hay

£240,000

• Four Bedroom Detached Family Home • Sought After Location
• Open Plan Lounge & Dining Area • Refitted Kitchen
• Viewing Essential • EPC = TBC

Union Street Bridgtown



£104,995

• First Floor Maisonette • Spacious 20ft Lounge Diner
• Two Well Proportioned Bedrooms • Ensuite Shower Room
• Must Be Viewed • EPC = B

Lakeside Boulevard Cannock

£154,950

• Three Bed Mid-Terrace • Garage & Allocated Parking
• Kitchen DIner • Guest WC
• Rear Garden • EPC = C

Hartlebury Close Heath Hayes

£260,000

• Four Bedroom Detached House • Two Receptions,Conservatory
• Refitted Shower Room • Pleasant Cul De Sac Location
• Viewing Essential • EPC = D

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Hednesford Road, Rugeley **£350,000**

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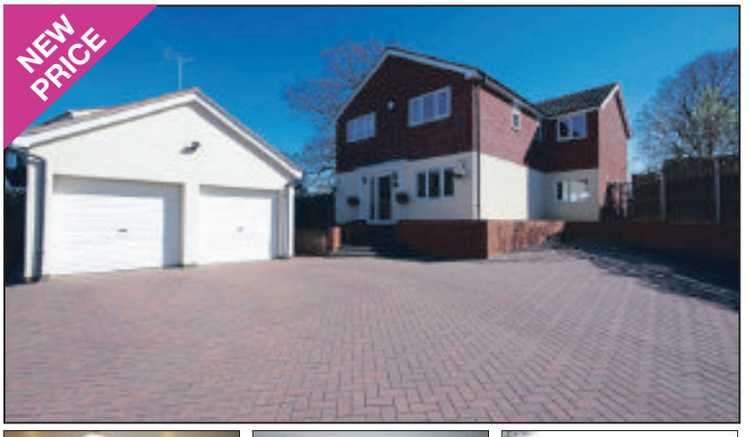
Etching Hill Road, Etching Hill **£485,000**

JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to market this unusual property, being sold as one house but currently split into two semi detached homes.Ideal for a project or a family home.Being situated in the sought after area of Etchinghill with open aspect to the front, good sized garden to rear and NO CHAIN

West Butts Road, Etching Hill **£450,000**

JR Distinctive Homes are pleased to offer for sale this exceptional three storey detached property in a sought after location with open aspect to the rear. The property is finished to a very high specification and has five bedrooms, four bathrooms, superb open plan lifestyle kitchen and gardens to front and rear with garage



St Johns Close, Slitting Mill **£435,000**

JR Distinctive Homes are delighted to offer for sale this unique and spacious family home situated in the picturesque Village of Slitting Mill. The house itself offers four double bedrooms, three bathrooms, two reception rooms with superb living kitchen and uninterrupted views to the rear aspect

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Holly Bank, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom terraced home, on the sought after Hawksyard Development. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Fitted Kitchen and Lounge. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to front and Garden to rear

£138,000

Delafield Way, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to market this three bedroom link detached family home, being close to local amenities. Having Hallway,Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Covered Carport and Store Room. Gardens to front and rear. AVAILABLE WITH NO UPWARD CHAIN

£179,950

All these sold last week

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Sycamore Crescent, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom semi detached home, situated in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge / Dining Room and Fitted Kitchen. Landing to Two double Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

£139,950

Larkholme Close, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two/three bedroom extended detached home,within walking distance to Cannock Chase. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen and Utility. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Driveway to Carport and Gardens. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£219,950

Boothurst Road, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this modern two bedroom semi detached home, with open aspect to front. Accommodation having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom,Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking for two cars and Garden to rear

£142,000

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached property, situated on a sought after development. Accommodation having Hallway, Guest w.c, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

£167,500

Lower Birches Way, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four / five bedroom detached home, in a quiet cul de sac location.Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen and Bedroom Four. Landing,Two Bedrooms with En Suite,Bedroom and Bathroom.Driveway and Garden to rear

£290,000

The Shrubbery, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer to market this three / four bedroom detached family home, situated in a quiet cul de sac.Having Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Guest w.c and Play Room / Bedroom Four. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Gardens to front and rear

£215,995

Heather Close, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom link detached bungalow, being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN.Situated in a quiet cul de sac. Accommodation having Entrance Porch, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Inner Hallway,Two Bedrooms and Shower Room.Driveway to Carport/Garage and Garden to rear

£169,950

Bagnall Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented modern detached family home, on the Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest Cloakroom,Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Garden to rear

£207,500

West Butts Road, Etching Hill

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented detached bungalow in a sought after location. The property has two reception rooms and two double bedrooms, kitchen and modern bathroom. There is a detached garage and gardens to the front and rear

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The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom,three storey home situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing leading to Second Lounge, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Landing to Bedroom with En Suite. Garden and Parking

£189,950

Chester Road, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family home, being situated in a quiet cul de sac. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen and Utility. Two Bedrooms with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom.Drive to Garage and Gardens

£275,000

Ford Way, Armitage

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached bungalow, situated in a sought after location. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Open Plan Kitchen, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway to Carport and Garage.Gardens to front and rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN

£169,950

Upper Bannisters Way,

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented three bedroom semi detached home, situated on the Hawksyard Estate. Having Entrance Hallway, Guest w.c, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to front and Garden to rear

£167,000

Blakeley Close, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to market this well presented modern three bedroom townhouse, situated in a quiet cul de sac location. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway for several vehicles and Garden to rear

£159,950

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Main Road, Brereton

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this well presented two bedroom detached bungalow, located on a private drive. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Having Hallway, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, Inner Hall to Two Bedrooms and Shower Room. Good driveway to Detached Garage and Garden to rear

£249,950

The Lindens, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this spacious second floor one bedroom apartment in a popular location close to town. The self contained apartment has a security intercom entrance with Hallway, Lounge and Open Plan Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom. Allocated parking and Communal Gardens

£92,500

Bower Lane, Rugeley

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached family home, situated in Etchinghill. Having Porch, Entrance Hallway, Breakfast Kitchen, Lounge and Conservatory. Landing to Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Gardens to front and rear

£164,950

Talbot Street, Rugeley

- A traditional 1920's detached property situated in town centre location with good sized garden to rear. Accommodation comprises Entrance Hallway, Two Reception Rooms and Refitted Kitchen. Landing, Three Bedrooms and Refitted Bathroom. Driveway to Garage and Utility Room. Gardens to front and rear.

£239,950

Lion Street, Rugeley

- "White Lion Inn" JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this detached family home dating from 1800 in town centre location. Having Kitchen, Lounge, Dining Room, Study and Utility Room. Landing to Master Bedroom with En Suite, Four further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Good sized garden and parking

£285,000

St Thomas Way, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached family home situated on the sought after Hawksyard Estate. Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing, Master Bedroom with En Suite, Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway and Garden. NO CHAIN

£205,000

Lower Fufin, Hawksyard

- JR Properties are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom semi detached home, on the sought after Hawksyard Estate, Having Hallway, Guest Cloakroom, Lounge and Breakfast Kitchen. Landing to Bedroom One with En Suite,Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Parking to front and Garden to rear

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Walsall Road,Walsall

- No chain
- Large layout
- Dormer bungalow
- Conservatory and sun room
- Massive Driveway
- Popular area
- Close to local amenities
- Potential for renovation

OIRO £300,000

Sherbrook Close,Stafford

- Fully Refurbished Bungalow
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Extended Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Immaculate Condition
- Newly Fitted Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

Offers In The Region Of £325,000

Wordsworth Close,Rugeley

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Fitted Kitchen

OIRO £230,000

Monarchy Close,Rugeley

- 4 BED DETACHED
- MODERN DESIGN
- LOUNGE/DINER
- BREAKFAST KITCHEN
- UTILITY
- ENSUITE
- CLOAKROOM
- GARAGE

OIRO £219,995

New Penkridge Road,Cannock

- Semi-detached
- Three bedrooms
- Immaculate presentation
- Large garden
- Driveway
- Gas central heating and double glazed
- Wonderful family home
- Close to local amenities

OIRO £180,000

Walsall Road,Cannock

- Traditional Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom

OIRO £175,000

Walsall Road,Cannock

- Traditional Semi
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing

OIRO £154,950

Hatherton Road,Cannock

- Detached House
- Spacious Throughout
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Family Bathroom

GuidePrice £150,000

Stafford Road,Cannock

- Potential for renovation!
- Huge layout
- Three bedrooms
- Loft room
- Double glazed
- 100ft● rear garden
- Off road parking
- No upward chain!

OIRO £130,000

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43 DAY CHALLENGE

Holt Crescent,Cannock

- Semi Detached House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking

OIRO £130,000

Littleworth Road,Cannock

- Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen

OIRO £115,000

Bowes Close,Cannock

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Utility
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating
- Off Road Parking

OIRO £89.950

Rowan Croft,Cannock

- Retirement Flat
- One Bedroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Warden Controlled

OIRO £50,000

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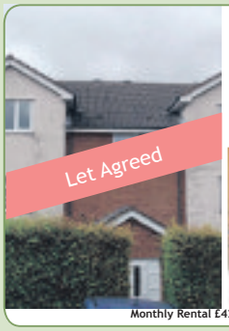


Apple Walk,Cannock,

- 1st Floor Apartment
- 2 Bedrooms
- Electric Heating
- Allocated Parking
- Seperate Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Deposit on application

Monthly Rental £425

Valley Road, Hazel Slade, Cannock,

- One Bedroom Flat
- Fitted Kitchen
- Laminate Flooring
- Off road parking
- Deposit on application
- Guarantors may be required
- Must view
- Great transport links

Monthly Rental £300

Rochester Way, Cannock ,

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Spacious living area
- Fitted Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Driveway
- Front Garden

Monthly Rental £850

Central Avenue,Cannock,

- 3 Bed Semi Detached House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Central Heating
- Rear Garden

Monthly Rental £575

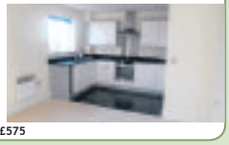
Church Street,Cannock,

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Secure Communal entrance
- Off road parking
- Fitted Kitchen
- Excellent Transport links
- Deposit on application

Monthly Rental £395

Hobby Way, Cannock ,

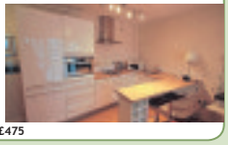
- THREE BEDROOMS
- LIVING ROOM
- KITCHEN AREA
- MODERN BATHROOM
- DEPOSIT ON APPLICATION
- GUARANTORS MAY BE REQUIRED
- MUST VIEW
- Available now



Monthly Rental £575

Bridge Street, Cannock,

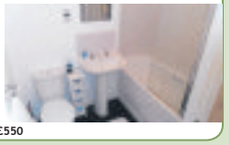
- One Bedroom Studio Apartment
- Living Room
- Fitted Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Fully Furnished
- Available now!
- Must view
- Deposit on application



Monthly Rental £475

Dorney Place,Cannock,

- Modern First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Family Bathroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Must view



Monthly Rental £550

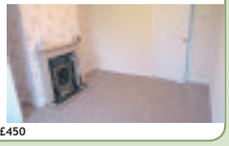
Cemetery Road, Cannock,

- Three Bedroom Semi detached house
- Great transport links
- Rear garden
- Dining Room
- Entrance hallway
- Guarantors may be required

Monthly Rental £450

Cedar Close,Hednesford,

- One Bedroom Bungalow
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing`
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Front & Rear Garen
- SORRY NO DHSS
- One Months Rent as Deposit



Monthly Rental £450

Tudor Road, Hednesford, Cannock,

- Dorma Bungalow
- Three Bedrooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating
- Garden
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Sorry No Pets

Monthly Rental £695

Victoria Street, Cannock,

- Studio Flat
- Walking Distance to City Centre
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Off Road Parking
- Sorry No DHSS
- Must view

Monthly Rental £375

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- One Bed Flat
- Lounge, Kitchen
- One Bedroom
- Bathroom, DG
- Electric Heating
- Parking to Rear
- Energy Rating E
- No DSS or Pets

£350 pcm

GLOVERS HILL COURT, BRERETON

- 2 bed 1st fl flat
- Lounge/diner, Kitchen,
- Bathroom, parking
- Energy rating B
- No DSS or Pets

£575 PCM

OLD PENKRIDGE MEWS, CANNOCK

Town Centre
Fully Refurbished
2 Bed End Terraced
Lounge, Kitchen
Conservatory
Allocated Parking
Energy Rating D
NO DSS OR PETS

£575 pcm

HORSESHOE DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- 2 Bed Mid Town House
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Guest WC
- GCH/DG
- Allocated Parking
- Energy rating B
- NO DSS/PETS.

£575 pcm

BOW STREET, RUGELEY

- Town Centre
- Three Bed Mid
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- GCH & DG
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£595 pcm

HEDNESFORD ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Mid Terrace House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking At Rear
- Town Centre Location

Fixed Price £100,000

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Semi Det House
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility Area & Guest WC
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£119,950 No Chain

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Detached House
- Two Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Parking at Rear
- Gardens

£125,000 No Chain

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented and Spacious Semi Det House
- Through Hall
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Ground Floor Guest WC & Shower Room
- Three Bedrooms & Family Bathroom

OIEO £130,000

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Entrance Hall & Guest WC
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Conservatory
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens & Driveway

£135,000 No Chain

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- A traditional Well Presented Semi Det
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/ Guest WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Town Centre Location

£135,000

EBENEZER STREET, HEDNESFORD

- A Very Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/ Diner
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Garage, Carport & Ample Off Road Parking
- Delightful Rear Garden

£140,000 No Chain

PEBBLE MILL COURT, CANNOCK

- Well Presented Ground Floor Flat
- Spacious Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Parking & Garage
- Communal Gardens
- Ideal Location

£145,000

LOWER BIRCHES WAY, RUGELEY

- A Modern Well Presented End Terraced House
- GCH & D/G, Entrance Hall
- Guest WC, Kitchen
- Lounge, Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking, NO CHAIN.

£147,500

MOUNT STREET, HEDNESFORD

- A Spacious Semi Det House
- Hall / Guest WC
- Family Lounge
- Kitchen
- Dining Room
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Large Gardens / Ample ORP

£159,950

ELIZABETHAN WAY, RUGELEY

- A Modern Three Storey End Terraced House
- Guest WC, Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge, Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom, Shower Room
- Garage & Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Chain

£165,000

PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

- Extended and Much Improved Bungalow
- Reception Hall & Family Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area
- Impressive Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms, Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£169,995

KNIGHTON ROAD, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Link Detached House
- Lounge. Dining Room
- Extended Kitchen, Four Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Family Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Open Aspect to Side & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£225,000

DAISY BANK, HEDNESFORD

- Immaculately Presented Detached Property
- Hallway, Guest WC
- Family Room, Lounge, Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Re-Fitted Kitchen & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

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DEPOSIT £588

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Spacious well prestened, first floor flat. Accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, open plan Lounge/Kitchen with appliances. Two Double Bedrooms with built in wardrobes. Bathroom. GCH and Double Glazing. VIEWING RECOMMENDED. NO DSS. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS. EPC Rating C
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DEPOSIT £795

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DEPOSIT £623

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Deposit TBC

£575 pcm

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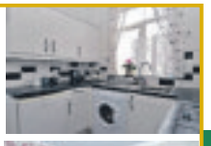

GREEN LANE, RUGELEY

A traditional good size three bedroomed detached house on a large plot is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Kitchen and Lounge Diner. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Driveway with Off Road Parking. Paved Fore Garden and Large Garden to Rear with Out Buildings. EPC Rating - D

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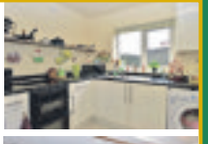
£219,000



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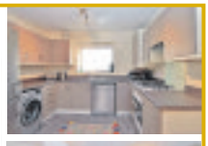


LANGLEY WAY, HAWKSYARD

A well presented two bedroomed first floor apartment offers modern open plan living having Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double glazing. The accommodation comprises of Entrance Hall, Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room/Kitchen, Two good sized Bedrooms and Bathroom. Having one allocated and one visitor parking space and Open views to the rear. EPC Rating C.

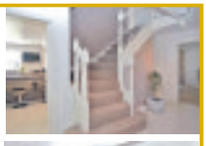
£102,500

NO CHAIN

ARCH STREET RUGELEY

A good sized well presented three bedroomed mid terraced property within walking distance to Town Centre and local amenities and is being offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms and Bathroom. Shared Courtyard Garden. EPC Rating - E

£120,000



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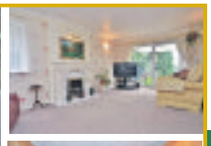
£260,000



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£230,000

NO CHAIN

BURNTHILL LANE RUGELEY

A good size four bedroomed detached family home in a popular and sought after location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Hall, Guest W.C. Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility and Conservatory. Master with Ensuite, Three further Bedrooms and Bathroom. Integral Garage with Parking. Garden to Rear. EPC Rating - D

£240,000

NO CHAIN

PENK DRIVE NORTH, ETCHINGHILL

A three storey five bedroomed detached in the sought after location offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Hall, Bedroom/Study, Landing, Kitchen, Utility, Lounge/Diner and Bedroom. Second Floor Master and Two Further Bedrooms, W.C., Bathroom and Shower Room. Integrated Garage, Driveway and Gardens. EPC Rating - E

£242,500

THE BEECHES, RUGELEY

A extended three bedroomed large detached family home in a popular location. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazing. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room and Kitchen. First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom and Separate W.C. Garage and Parking. Garden to Front and Rear. EPC Rating - D

£209,000

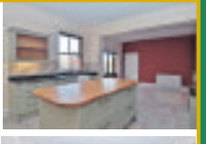
NO CHAIN

CROSSLEY STONE RUGELEY

A two bedroomed second floor flat within the Town Centre and local amenities and is offered with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed. Communal Entrance, Hallway, Kitchen, Lounge/Diner, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom. Off Road Parking. EPC Rating - D

£75,000

NO CHAIN



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Offers Over £95,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom mid terrace property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom. Externally to the rear the property has a part graveled and part paved entertaining patio area, side access to the front through neighbouring side gate. Energy rating: E.

Church Street, Cannock
Offers Over £130,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached house located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of family lounge, modern fitted kitchen with dining area, modern fitted bathroom with wash hand basin, bath and WC and on the first floor three double bedrooms. Externally to the front there is a paved entrance courtyard, double gated shared access to the rear which is block paved. To the rear there is a driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles and enclosed private garden with a paved entertaining patio area and separate lawn area. Energy rating: E.

Balmoral Drive, Hednesford
£162,500

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this two bedroom semi-detached bungalow located in Hednesford with NO CHAIN. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge with through conservatory, modern fitted kitchen, two bedrooms, modern fitted bathroom, driveway providing off road parking and garage. Having AMPLE PARKING, the property benefits from having a block paved driveway providing generous parking. There is also SECURE ACCESS VIA DOUBLE GATES for a large vehicle or perhaps a caravan. Energy rating: E.

Keats Avenue, Cannock
£165,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this two bedroom semi-detahced property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen / breakfast area, rear hall, work room / storage, inner hall, downstairs bathroom, family room, two bedrooms, loft storage area and garage. Energy rating: awaited.

Sutherland Road, Cheslyn Hay
£159,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property located in Cheslyn Hay. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, porch, lounge / diner, kitchen, sun lounge, three bedrooms, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: C.

Hussey Road, Norton Canes
£169,950

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom link-detached house located in Norton Canes. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch. hallway, family lounge, modern fitted kitchen, three bedrooms all of a good size and a modern fitted bathroom. Energy rating: D.

Walsall Road, Cannock
£225,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property located in Cannock. The property briefly comprises of entrance porch way, lounge, reception room 2, conservatory, kitchen, downstairs WC, three bedrooms, bathroom, loft room, drive through garage, workshop, further garage, driveway providing off road parking for multiple vehicles and rear garden. The property has period solid wood doors fitted throughout. Energy rating: awaited.

Templars Way, Penkridge
£245,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom detached property located in Penkridge. The property briefly comprises of entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen, extended dining room, rear hall, downstairs WC, 'lean to', three bedrooms all of a good size and bathroom. To the front there is a block paved driveway providing parking for multiple vehicles, separate lawn with various shrubs and trees and side access to the rear. To the rear there is a block paved entertaining patio area with various trees and shrubs amongst. Energy rating: D.

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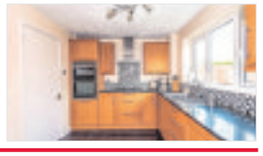
Energy rating: D.

Marigold Close, Heath Hayes
£260,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 4 bedroom semi-detached property located in Heath Hayes. The property comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, four bedrooms - master having en-suite, bathroom and garage. Energy rating: awaited.



Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills
£280,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this 3 / 4 bedroom property located in Wedges Mills. The property comprises of side entrance, entrance hall, shower room, lounge, study, two kitchens, four bedrooms - one could be used as a further reception room, cloakroom / boot room, downstairs bathroom, utility and WC, garage and driveway providing off road parking. Energy rating: D.

Fremantle Drive, Heath Hayes
£285,000

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this five bedroom detached house situated in Wimbelbury. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs wc, family lounge, separate dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room and conservatory. On the first floor the property comprises of a landing, family bathroom with wash hand basin and WC, five bedrooms all of a good size and the master benefiting from having an en-suite and one of the rooms currently used as a study. To the front there is a shared access driveway which provides parking for multiple cars, and to the rear there is a entertaining patio area and separate lawn area.
Energy rating: awaited.

Francis Green Lane, Penkridge
£349,950

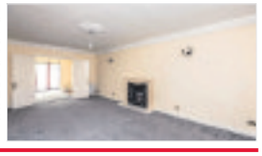
This is your chance to purchase a detached property in an oustanding position in Penkridge. The property stands in one of the most desirable roads and is quite deceptive as from the front you wouldn't believe that the property briefly comprises of a grand entrance hall, lounge, extended dining room, kitchen/diner, study, large utility room, downstairs WC and garage whilst upstairs you have three double bedrooms, master with en-suite shower room, family bathroom, large walk in cupboard as well as a further airing cupboard. Externally you have a pleasant, low maintenance rear garden which is currently all patio and gravel beds however the potential for a large lawn area is there. To the front you have a large block paved driveway and a front garden. Energy rating: E.

Littleworth Hill, Hednesford
£390,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this four bedroom detached property located in Hednesford. The property briefly comprises of entrance hall, lounge, dining area, cloakroom / study, kitchen, utility room, downstairs WC, four bedrooms - master bedroom having en-suite and walk in wardrobe, bathroom and an annex with lounge / kitchen diner, kitchen, wet room, two bedrooms and storage areas.
Energy rating: D.

Rosewood Park, Cheslyn Hay
£450,000

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this EIGHT BEDROOM detached house in the village of Cheslyn Hay close to schools, local amenities and transport links including the train station of which is all walking distance. The property boasts from having a huge amount of living space and generous accommodation throughout, this property would suit any growing family or any family merging together. The property comprises of porch, hallway, downstairs WC, 21 FOOT LOUNGE, dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, utility room. With a total of 8 BEDROOMS and 4 EN-SUITES; the first floor has 5 bedrooms of which two bedrooms have en-suites and there is a large family bathroom. The second floor offers a further 3 bedrooms of which two have both en-suites and large walk in wardrobes, there is also a study/playroom. To the front there is a large block paved driveway as well as access to an integral double width garage. To the rear is an entertaining block paved patio area, lawn area and a pond. Energy rating: D.



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£560,000

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In more detail the property's frontage has a full width block paved, ideal for accommodating more than one or two vehicles.

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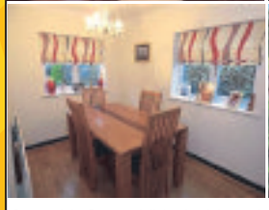

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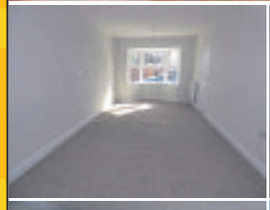

●●OPEN DAY 8TH APRIL 2017 12pm to 2pm●● This stunning detached house forms part of a private development of just two executive properties. The property is built to the highest of standards and will have carpets fitted throughout. Internally the spacious accommodation consists of a living room, kitchen/diner, laundry room, guest cloakroom, master bedroom with en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. Outside the property benefits from a driveway, single garage and a private garden.

4 2 2 EPC B £265,000

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3 1

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- Prime village location
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- Kitchen, breakfast room
- Conservatory
- Superb rear garden
- Driveway & garage
- EPC rating D

3 1

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- Semi-detached Residence
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Extended Kitchen
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- Double Glazing, Central Heating
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3 1

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- Popular Village Location
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- Conservatory
- Utility Room
- Playing Fields To Rear
- EPC Rating To Follow

3 1

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- Good size lounge
- Kitchen/dining room
- First floor bathroom
- Ground floor toilet
- Garage en block
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3 1

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- No upward chain
- Lounge, kitchen
- Dining room / G/F bedroom
- Ground floor bathroom
- Off-road parking
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2 1

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- Well proportioned semi
- Sought after village location
- Through lounge / dining room
- Kitchen, sun room
- Good sized rear garden
- Driveway, detached garage
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3 1

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- Spacious accommodation
- Lounge, dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Long rear garden
- Outbuilding with power supply
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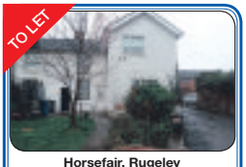

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- Bathroom
- Rear yard
- Of road parking
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- Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Guest WC
- Garage & Driveway
- Gas central heated
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- Kitchen
- Guest cloakroom
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden and parking
- EPC rating C

£169.500

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- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- No Chain

£165,000

NEW

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD

- Traditional Terrace
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen. Utility Room
- 2 Bedroom, Bathroom
- Gardens, driveway
- Vieiwng

£110,000

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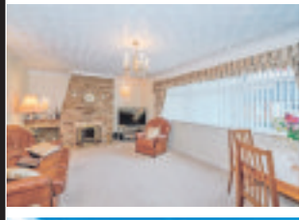
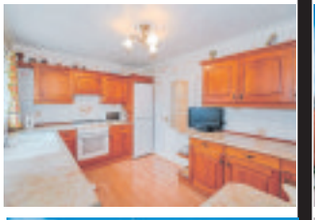
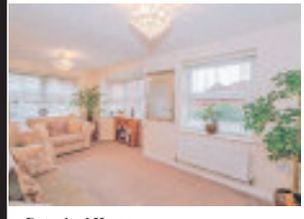



- Detached Bungalow
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Garage
- Driveway

£280,000

CANNOCK
EARLSWOOD WAY

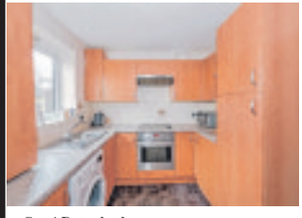


- Detached Home
- Hallway, WC
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Impressive Kitchen
- 4 Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Gardens, Driveway
- Viewing Essential

£240,000

NEW

NORTON CANES
CHEQUERS COURT

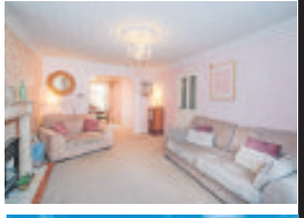


- Semi Detached
- Entrance Porch,
- Spacious Lounge Diner
- Kitchen Diner.
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Refitted Family Bathroom,
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

Offers Over £130,000

NEW

HEDNESFORD
DAISY BANK



- Detached House
- Porch,Entrance Hallway,
- > lounge, Dining Room,
- Sitting Room, Guest WC,
- Conservatory, Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room.
- Four Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom,
- landscaped Rear Garden
- Driveway

£255,000

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Traditional detached home has three bedrooms

A traditional and very spacious three-bedroomed detached house in a much sought-after area, 340 Longford Road, Cannock, is for sale through Flint & Co at £269,995.

It is ideally located, being close to shops, schools, amenities, public transport routes, Cannock town centre and Cannock Chase.

It has spacious living accommodation and good-sized bedrooms. This is an ideal family home which must be viewed to fully appreciate, said a spokesman for the selling agent.

CANNOCK
£269,995

It has an entrance hallway with stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard, a guest cloakroom/WC, a lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom.

Outside, the enclosed rear garden includes a paved patio with astro turf lawn and gravel borders, a garage and a print front driveway.

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NEW FOR SALE | Gas Central Heating
Terrace House | Double Glazing
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | EPC Rating D
3 Bedrooms
Bathroom
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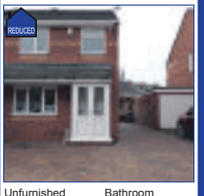
CANNOCK
THE CROSSINGS

Unfurnished | Bathroom
End Terrace House | En Suite
Lounge | GCH & DG
Kitchen | Garden
3 Bedrooms | Parking
EPC Rating C
£650 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD


Unfurnished | Bathroom
Semi Detached House | GCH & DG
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | Parking
3 Bedrooms | EPC Rating C
£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
BADGERS WAY

Unfurnished | 2 Bedrooms
Detached | Bathroom
Bungalow | GCH & DG
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | Garage
Conservatory | EPC Rating D
£595 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WEDGES MILLS
THE MEADOWS

Unfurnished | Guest WC
Town House | GCH & DG
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | Parking
2 Bedrooms | EPC Rating C
Bathroom
£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
BIRCH AVENUE

Unfurnished | Bathroom
Semi Detached House | GCH & DG
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | Parking
2 Bedrooms | EPC Rating F
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
PRIMROSE MEADOW

Unfurnished | Bathroom
Semi Detached House | GCH & DG
Lounge | Rear Garden
Kitchen | Parking
2 Bedrooms | EPC Rating C
£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HOLT CRESCENT

Unfurnished | Bathroom
Semi Detached House | Heating
Lounge | Double Glazing
Kitchen | Garden
2 Bedrooms | Parking
EPC Rating E
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

Unfurnished | Gas Central
First Floor Flat | Heating
Lounge | Double Glazing
Kitchen | Parking
3 Bedrooms | Garden
Bathroom | EPC Rating D
£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
VICTORIA STREET

Unfurnished | Bathroom
Semi Detached House | GCH & DG
Lounge | Parking
Kitchen | Garden
2 Bedrooms | EPC Rating D
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CHALFONT COURT

Unfurnished | Gas Central
First Floor Flat | Heating
Lounge | Double Glazing
Kitchen | Parking
2 Bedrooms | EPC Rating C
Bathroom
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished | Bathroom
Ground & First Floor Flat | Gas Central
Lounge | Heating
Kitchen | Double Glazing
2 Bedrooms | Parking
EPC Rating C
£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
RAILWAY VIEW

Unfurnished | Heating
First Floor Flat | Double Glazing
Open Plan | Parking
Lounge Kitchen | EPC Rating C
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
£450 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

NORTON CANES
NORTON TERRACE

Part Furnished | Gas Central
Town House | Heating
Lounge | Allocated Parking
Kitchen Diner | EPC Rating C
1 Bedroom
Bathroom
£425 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
HEDNESFORD ROAD

Unfurnished | Gas Central
First Floor Flat | Heating
Lounge | Double Glazing
Kitchen | Garden
3 Bedrooms | EPC Rating D
Shower Room
£390 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
GROSVENOR COURT

Unfurnished | Cloak Room
First Floor Flat | Protected Access
Lounge | Parking
Kitchen | EPC Rating C
1 Bedroom
Shower Room
£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished | Electric Heating
First Floor Flat | Double Glazing
Lounge | On Street
Kitchen | Parking
1 Bedroom | EPC Rating F
Shower Room
£360 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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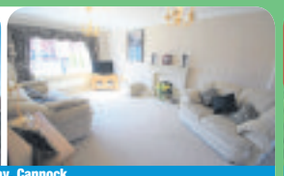

Chenet Way, Cannock

- Immaculate Executive Home
- Stunning Kitchen
- Landscaped Gardens
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Shower Room & Ensuite Shower
- Double Garage
- Gas Central Heating System
- Utility & Guest WC

£320,000

Meriden Close, Cannock

- Detached Bungalow
- 3 Bedrooms
- Very Spacious
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Cul De Sac Location
- Garage
- No Upward Chain
- EPC - TBC

£267,500

Stafford Street, Heath Hayes

- Residential Development Opportunity
- Detached house in need of refurbishment
- Plot for 3 dwellings (subject to planning)
- Office / Workshops
- Previous Planning Permission
- Occupying Generous Plot

£260,000

Hatton Road, Cannock

- Detached Family Home
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Open Fields To The Front
- Two Reception Rooms
- Downstairs WC
- Very Popular Location
- Carport & Garage

£249,950

Keys Park Road, Wimblebury

- Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Modern Kitchen & Utility
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Guest WC
- Large Block Paved Drive

£235,000

Short Street, Cannock

- Charming Period Style Detached Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Standing On Corner Plot
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Detached Double Garage
- Delightful Garden
- Viewing Essential

£220,000

Ullswater Place, Cannock

- Detached Home
- Five Bedrooms
- In Need Of Modernisation
- Spacious
- Large Rear Garden
- Close To Cannock Town
- Viewing Is A Must

£210,000

Hopton Meadow, Heath Hayes

- Delightful Detached Home
- Stunning Dining Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Corner Plot
- Detached Outbuilding
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Drive, Landscaped Gardens
- EPC - D

£200,000

New Plant Lane, Chase Terrace

- Modern Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Immaculate Condition
- Lounge/Diner
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Garage
- Enclosed Rear Garden

£189,950

Partridge Close, Heath Hayes

- Town House
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Family Bathroom
- Lounge Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Popular Location

£175,000

Earlswood Way, Cannock

- Modern Townhouse
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Downstairs WC
- Stylish Kitchen Diner
- Two Car Driveway
- Immaculate Condition
- Excellant Road Links Nearby

Offers Over £160,000

Nightingale Close, Huntington

- Modern Three Bedroom Semi
- Lounge & Kitchen Diner
- No Upward Chain
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Driveway to front & Side
- Energy Efficent Solar Panels
- Cul-de-sac Location

£155,000

Walsall Road, Cannock

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Traditional Semi Detached
- Large Garden
- Secure Gated Parking
- No Upward Chain
- Open Plan Kitchen Diner
- Close To Cannock Town

£137,000

Newhall Street, Cannock

- Semi Detached
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom & Ensuite
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Town
- Cellar

£110,000

Station Road, Hednesford

- Charming Traditional Mid Terrace
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking at Rear
- UPVC Double Glazing
- Close To Train Station
- Ideal Starter Home

£110,000

Greig Court, Heath Hayes

- Ground floor apartment
- One double bedroom
- Part furnished
- Kitchen with some appliances
- Electric Heating
- Available end April 2017

£425pcm sorry no dss & no pets

Sidon Hill Way, Heath Hayes

- Ground floor apartment
- One double bedroom
- Spacious lounge
- Kitchen with cooker
- Electric heating
- Available now

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Sandpiper Close, Hednesford

- Semi detached home
- Lounge with feature fireplace
- Kitchen with dining area
- Two bedrooms
- Electric heating
- Available now.

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Evergreen Heights, Hednesford

- Modern semi detached house
- Spacious lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & garage
- Available March 2017

£695pcm Sorry no dss & no pets

Stafford Lane, Hednesford

- Traditional semi detached home
- Kitchen / breakfast room with appliances
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom with shower over bath
- Garage and driveway
- Available May 2017

£750pcm Sorry no dss and no pets

Lichfield Road, Brownhills

- Modern semi-detached property
- Spacious lounge
- Contemporary Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Driveway & Garage
- Available March 17

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NEW

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Norton East Road

A deceptively spacious 5 bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, 3 reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathroom, parking & rear garden.

£275,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES

Elder Close

A well presented two bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, DG, entrance hallway, lounge with fireplace, spacious fitted kitchen, contemporary bathroom, enclosed rear garden, fore garden, ORP.

£145,000

NEW

CHASE TERRACE

New Street

A superbly spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, 3 bedrooms, dining kitchen, utility, bathroom, rear garden & ample parking to fore, side and rear,

£250,000

NEW

BONEY HAY

Oak Lane

A spacious first floor two bedroom flat offered with no onward chain, GCH, DG, entrance hallway, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, fitted bathroom, parking to the rear, private rear garden, no upward chain.

£95000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

A delightful 3 bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, porch, hall, spacious lounge/dining room. kitchen, conservatory, detached garage, rear garden & no onward chain.

£179,950

MUST BE VIEWED

RAWNSLEY

Littleworth Road

A deceptively spacious three/four bedroom detached property, GCH, DG, entrance hallway, guest cloakroom, lounge, dining room, study, fitted kitchen, three double bedrooms, bathroom with Jacuzzi bath, detached garage with pit & electric doors, rear garden, ORP

£275,000

BUNGALOW

BURNTWOOD

High Street

A deceptively spacious and beautifully presented two double bedroom detached bungalow offered with no onward chain.

£200,000

NEW

HEDNEDSFORD

Heath Gap Road

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached property, GCH, DG,porch, lounge/ dining room, fitted kitchen, guest W.C, family bathroom, extensive rear garden

£130,000

NO CHAIN

CANNOCK WOOD

Gilwell Road

A beautifully presented two/three bedroom detached bungalow, new GCH, DG, hallway, lounge, fitted dining kitcen, inner hallway, en-suite, re-fitted bathroom, utility, ORP, garage, rear garden

£310,000

NO ONWARD CHAIN

BURNTWOOD

Redwood Drive

Offered with no onward chain an upgraded 3 bedroom semi-detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/ diner, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, 21' garage, fore & rear gardens & parking.

£168,000

NEW

HEATH HAYES

Pheasant Way

A well presented 2 bedroom ground floor apartment. Electric heating, double glazing, hallway, open plan lounge/dining room and modern kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, allocated parking, available now, £650 deposit, no pets/smokers or DSS.

£550 PCM

NEW

BURNTWOOD

Chase Road

A well presented two bedroom mid-terraced property, GCH, DG, newly fitted kitchen, lounge with fireplace, re-fitted shower room, superb enclosed rear garden, must be viewed

£550

NO ONWARD CHAIN

NORTON CANES

Wallace Close

A well appointed three bedroom detached property offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, porch, hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, garden, garage.

£175,000

NEW

NORTON CANES

Grove Close

A re-furbished two bedroom semi-detached property. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, two bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom, parking & rear garden. £650 PCM, £750 Deposit, no pets/smokers or DSS. Available now

£650 PCM

NEW

BURNTWOOD

Manor Rise

A beautifully presented three bedroom mid town house. GCH, DG, fitted kitchen, lounge/diner, three bedrooms, modern bathroom, garage, parking. £750 Deposit, no pets/smokers or DSS

£650 PCM

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CHASETOWN

Ash Grove

A two/three bedroom semi-detached property, new gas central heating, dg, hallway, breakfast kitchen, lounge, two double bedrooms, downstairs bedroom/study, re-fitted bathroom, re-fitted shower room, rear garden

£650 PCM

NEW

SHIRE OAK

St Marks Road

A modern two double bedroom mid terraced property, GCH, DG, hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garden, parking, no pets/smokers or DSS, £775 deposit.

£695 PCM

APARTMENT

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Bridgeside Close

A two bedroom modern style first floor apratment, electric heating, double glazing, hall, lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom and parking. No pets/smokers or DSS, £625 Deposit.

£525 PCM

TWO BEDS

NORTON CANES

Norton Terrace

A modern style two bedroom end terraced, GCH, DG, hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, parking, no pets, smokers or DSS, £625 despoit.

£525 PCM

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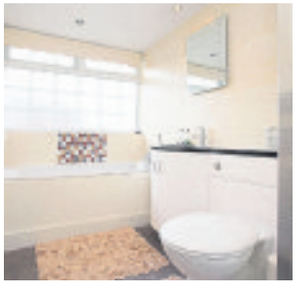

Attractive family home has a tasteful decor and corner plot

WALSALL
£289,950 <<<

This generous detached family home on a corner plot in Norton Lane, Walsall, comes with a detached double garage and kennels.

Deceptively spacious and beautifully presented, it is for sale through Webbs Estate Agents at £289,950, possibly available with no chain. Its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance porch, a through hallway, a guest WC, a generous lounge, a dining kitchen, a dining room, a guest WC, three double bedrooms, an en-suite and a family bathroom. Externally there are generous gardens to three sides, two driveways and a double detached garage.

The lounge has a window to the front, a feature fireplace with a gas fire inset and French doors opening to the garden.

The dining room also has a window to the front, as well as a storage cupboard.

Contact Webbs on 01543 468846.

Two-bed bungalow new to the market

WILLENHALL
£160,000

New to the property market, this two-bedroomed bungalow in the sought-after location of Perth Road, Summer Hayes, Willenhall, is for sale through Skitts Estate Agents at offers over £160,000 with no chain.

With gas central heating and double glazing, its accommodation briefly comprises an entrance hall, a lounge, a kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, a carport, a driveway and front and rear gardens.

In more detail this home features a well-designed and well-stocked rear garden, which includes a large terrace/patio, ideal for outdoor entertaining.

The selling agents are expecting a lot of interest to be shown in this property

For further information, or to book a viewing, call Skitts on 01902 631151 or visit www.skitts.net

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Auction Guide Price: In excess of £300,000

Yew Tree Cottage stands in a substantial plot of approximately 0.37 acres (0.15 ha) comprising detached dwelling, garage, outbuildings and garden, in a rural hamlet location.

The cottage has a wealth of character features and offers accommodation over two floors, comprising 2 reception rooms, kitchen, hallway with entrance porch, downstairs w.c., 2 bedrooms and an upstairs bathroom. The property is in need of renovation and refurbishment, offering scope for a unique rural residence. EPC rating G.

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Conery Lane Farm, Conery Lane, Bronington, Whitchurch Detached 3 bedroom house, plot of approx. 4.92 acres (1.99 ha). With outbuildings. EPC rating F. **Auction Guide Price: £330,000 to £350,000** **Enquiries to:** Penkridge Office 01785 716600

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Auction Guide Price: £150,000 to £170,000

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Land Off Longford Lane, Barton Blount, Sutton On The Hill
Single enclosure of level pasture land 9.79 acres (3.961 ha) with direct gated roadside access.
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Land Off Brown's Lane, Yoxall, Burton upon Trent 6.75 acres (2.731 ha) of pasture.
Auction Guide Price: £40,500 **Enquiries to:** Uttoxeter Office 01889 562811

Old Hall Farm, Piccadilly Lane, Upper Mayfield, Ashbourne
Imposing detached grade II* listed four bedroom country residence steeped in character, approximately 15 acres (6.07 ha) of pasture land.
Auction Guide Price: £450,000 to £520,000

Land and Stables, Biggin Lane, Millington Green, Ashbourne - Range of block and timber built stables with concrete base and parcel of land extending to 3.31 acres (1.34 ha). Roadside access and a hardstanding yard. **Auction Guide Price: £15,000 to £25,000**

Land at New Road, Mercaston, Ashbourne - single paddock 1.13 acres (0.45 ha).
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Superb properties on offer

One of the West Midlands' most respected building companies, Cameron Homes, is providing some superb new properties at desirable locations throughout the region this year and has just opened its latest exciting development.

The long-established Staffordshire-based firm launched its Coney Lodge scheme in Burntwood last week.

Situated off Rugeley Road, this is a collection of eight four-bedroom luxury homes.

They have rural-style elevations, featuring striking glass-fronted hallways and landings and some include carefully-designed open plan kitchen/dining/family areas with bi-fold doors giving uninterrupted views of Gentleshaw Common.

Luxury

And like every Cameron Homes property, they include a beautiful bathroom, an inviting master bedroom and a contemporary kitchen with integrated appliances – all finished to a luxury specification. This is set to be one of Cameron's busiest years, with the firm building a wide range of high quality and carefully-designed residences in other superb settings.

It will be an exciting time too for the many people who move into a beautiful new property.

And by using one of the company's most successful sales incentives the move can be a hassle-free reality.

Andy Gough, sales and marketing director of Cameron, explains that the Part Exchange scheme is a popular way to purchase a new property.

"Part Exchange, where we buy a customer's existing home, works very well, with many people taking advantage of it, and we expect it to be just as popular at our new schemes.

"As a family-owned company we pride ourselves not only on the high standard of our properties but also on our excellent customer care and we have a range of other ways to help, such as offering financial advice and guidance," he says. Cameron has several developments where the Part Exchange incentive is available.

Debbie Sanghera, right, of Cameron Homes' Keepers Cross development in Tividale presents residents Becky Whitehead and Chris Bullock with welcome flowers and a gift for baby Albert

Hawkestone House at Bourne Fields

One of the properties at Coney Lodge

At Keepers Cross in Tividale, the company is providing a contemporary collection of 54 two, three and four-bedroom homes with excellent links to Dudley, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Bourne Fields is Cameron's flagship development, featuring an elegant collection of 14 remarkable five-bedroom residences at an enviable address. With a premium specification and a desirable location between Aldridge and Streetly, Bourne Fields is the epitome of luxury living. All 14 homes feature everything you'd expect from a showcase Cameron collection, including a stunning kitchen, a sumptuous master suite and spectacular open plan living spaces.

Cameron's new development in Hill Ridware, a small village near Cannock, will be called Austen Grange. A total of 48 houses will be provided, including affordable homes, and the designs will range from two to five bedrooms, detached and semi detached styles.

A former retail site in Chasetown High Street is being regenerated, with a collection of two and three-bedroom properties being launched at Chapel Court later this year.

And an exciting development is under way at Barton under Needwood. Lakeside Apartments features 54 two-bedroom apartments offering the highest standard of specification, security and style.

With restaurants, bars and delicatessens on one side and woodland, lakes and towpaths on the other, life at Lakeside Apartments allows you to explore a new side of life every day. The first phase of apartments is on sale now.

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Team expansion for housebuilder

With a current turnover of over £10 million, and with a forecast increase to £50 million within five years, local company Tatton Hall Homes Limited is expanding their administrative team.

Viewing this also as an opportunity to support young people in their community, the company has chosen to recruit a Modern Apprentice, Sam Morgan from Halfpenny Green.

Sam said: "While studying for my A levels at King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, I attended an 'Insight into Accountancy' session which confirmed accountancy as my chosen career. I also heard about accountancy apprenticeships which give formal study plus on-the-job training to consolidate the college learning.

Sam Morgan, Modern Apprentice

"On completion of my A levels I joined Kidderminster College's apprenticeship programme and with their help found a role as an Advanced Accountancy Apprentice at a Facility Management company.

"Having decided to take the Higher Apprenticeship route, as this leads to a professional qualification, the next step was to seek a role that provided the additional breadth and depth of experience I needed."

In response, Kidderminster College matched Sam to Tatton Hall Homes' apprentice position of Finance Assistant.

Sam added "In this role I work with the Finance Director and receive coaching and experience in all aspects of finance work. Additionally, the approach of the Directors at Tatton Hall Homes is very 'hands on' as they are all closely involved with the day to day operation of the business. Finance at Tatton Hall Homes isn't just about processing pieces of paper; it is learning about the work on site that leads to a payment and also about the local suppliers we aim to support.

"I have joined the company at an exciting time.

"Our first purchasers have recently moved into our new development at Broadleaf Gardens, Bradmore, and having seen the figures behind the move it is rewarding to see everything fall into place. I really feel this is accountancy in action."

With over 40 years' accountancy experience in the construction industry, Finance Director John Holder is enthusiastic about apprenticeships, having followed a similar career pathway himself.

He said: "Looking ahead, we need to develop and strengthen our middle management team to deal with the challenges of our expansion plans. Sam is an ideal candidate as the Advanced Apprenticeship has given him an excellent introduction to the world of work and accountancy basics.

"College delivers the technical and professional aspect of Sam's learning but having Sam as part of the business allows for the cascade of experience alongside exposure to the values and ethos of our organisation."

Carl Tatton, Managing Director, added: "Sam is keen to learn, ambitious and has a well-thought out career path. We have benefited from his enthusiasm and we are pleased to be helping him in gaining his professional qualification".

The company's development known as Broadleaf Gardens is at Birches Barn Road, Bradmore, Wolverhampton, WV3 7BJ and offers a selection of two, three and four-bedroom homes.

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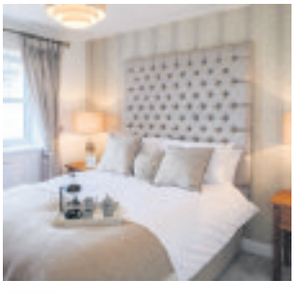

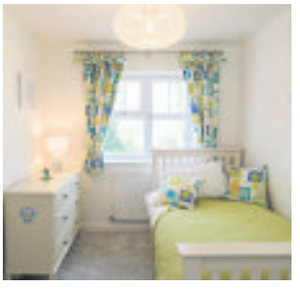

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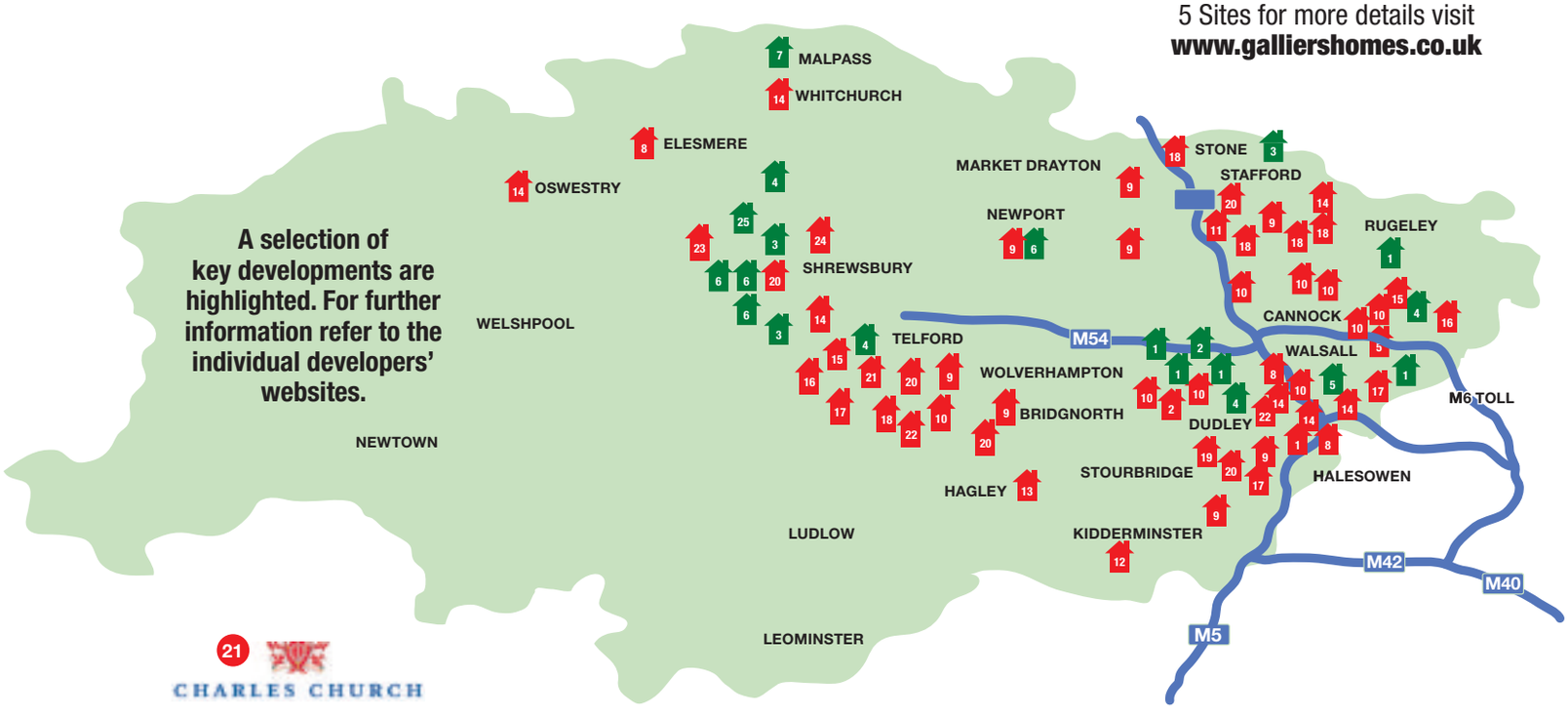

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Great car for running around town

By Anthony Martyn

PEUGEOT 108 ALLURE, £12,760

Introduced back in 2014, the 108 is Peugeot's attempt at cashing in on the lucrative city car market, and the 108 Top! is the convertible iteration of this car.

Created off the back of a joint-venture between PSA (Peugeot and Citroen's parent company) and Toyota, the 108 shares pretty much everything with the Citroen C1 and Toyota Aygo. This includes the platform, engines, running gear, as well as their electrical system.

Because of this, they are all practically identical. You'd be forgiven for stepping out of the C1 into the 108 and thinking you were still in the same car. However, while these cars are all relatively similar both mechanically and in the cabin, the sharing of parts means that production costs are kept down.

Ultimately this means that you save money when the time to buy comes around.

You'd be hard-pressed to label the little 108 an unattractive car. Next to the C1 and the Aygo, the 108 certainly looks the most grown-up – although you shouldn't let that trick you into thinking it comes across as boring.

Our test car came in a bright French Blue colour, which certainly made it one of the more eye-catching cars on the road. Couple that with the contrasting black paint on the boot, and the 108 really looks the part.

The fact that the canvas roof car be mechanically retracted to open up an unlimited amount of headroom only serves to add to this city runabout's desirability.

As a means for pottering around town, the 108 makes a fairly good case for itself. It's comfortable, easy to see out of and thanks to its pint-sized proportions, a breeze to manoeuvre through tight spaces.

A neat and attractive rear end

You get a fair amount of kit as standard

You'd be hard-pressed to label the little 108 an unattractive car

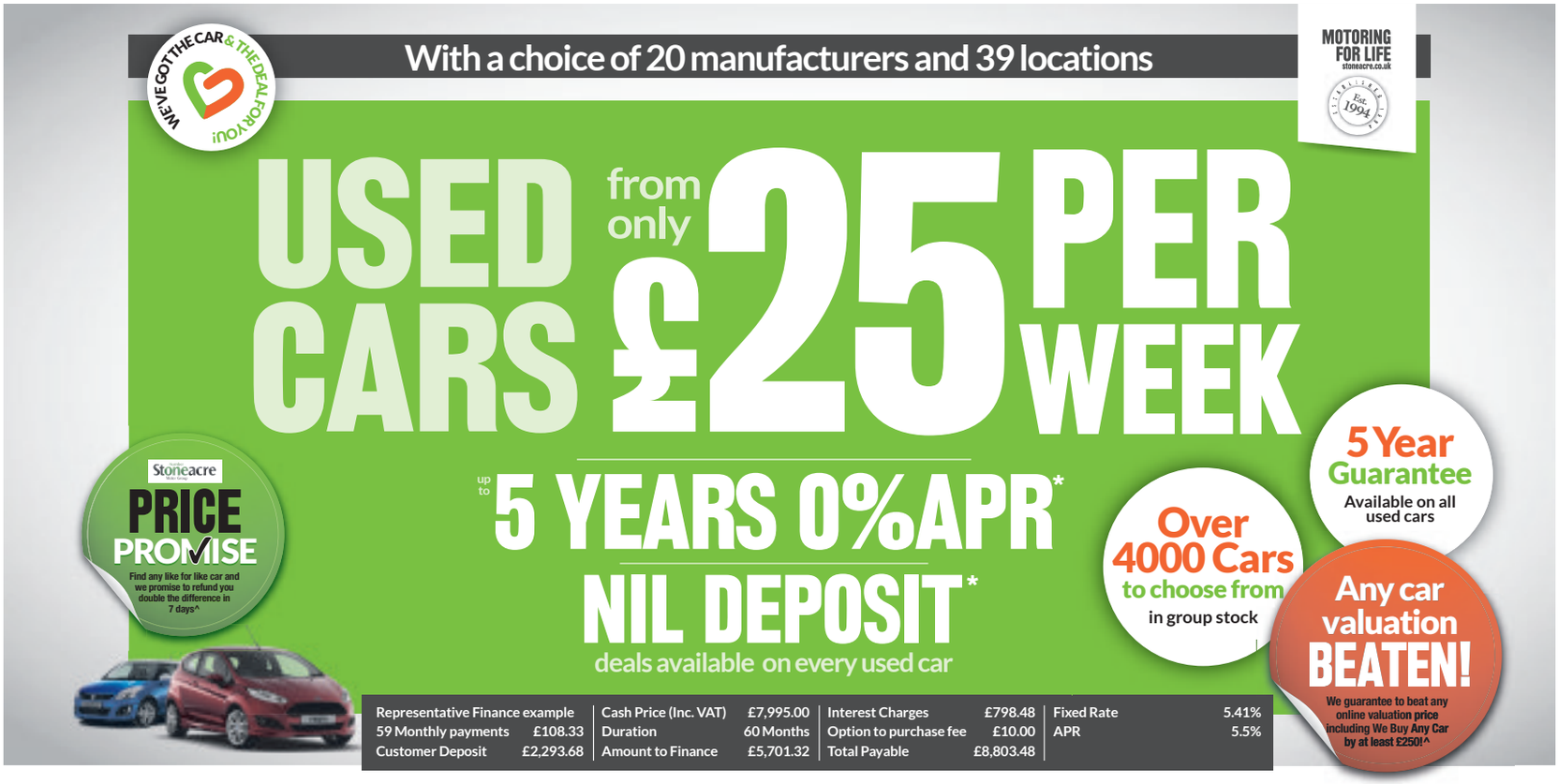
In its natural urban environment, the only things that took a bit of getting used to were the incredibly short clutch, and rather noisy three-cylinder engine. If you choose to open up the canvas roof, you'll also be treated to a fair deal of wind noise – but this is part in parcel of owning a convertible.

Head out on the motorway, and you immediately get a sense the car is no longer in its comfort zone. Engine, wind and road noise are all far more noticeable, and the car's small size becomes much more obvious. That said though, it never felt too nervous or skittish at cruising speeds, although you may find you're fairly worn out by the time you reach your destination.

Buy a 108 Top! in the same specification as our test car – that's the Allure 1.2 – and you'll set yourself back £12,760. For this, you get a fair amount of kit as standard, including a reversing camera, DAB radio, Bluetooth connectivity and a seven-inch touchscreen infotainment system. All up, this isn't all that bad a deal, the only thing that would make it more appealing is sat-nav – although Peugeot can fit this as a £400 option.

In terms of fuel economy, Peugeot claims the 108 can achieve a combined fuel consumption figure of 65.7mpg, meaning you shouldn't find you spend too much time (or money) at the pump. Thanks to CO2 emissions of 99g/km, the 108 is also exempt from tax under current legislation, although this is changing from April 2017.

The 108 Top! will likely appeal most to either first time buyers, or family buyers looking to add a second, smaller car to their fleet for running around town.



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Suzuki's new Swift sets sights on rivals

When you first set your eyes on the Swift it is an attractive little car and inside it is unpretentious

By Simon Davis

When the first images of the new Swift were released, it wasn't exactly met with a warm reception. To many, the character of the earlier models had been lost, leaving a rather sober-looking and soulless hatchback in their place.

The good news is that in the metal, the Swift is a car that quickly grows on you. The more time you spend with it, the more you come to like its new aesthetic. While it might not be sort of car that tugs on your heartstrings and inspires on overwhelming sense of desire when you first cast your eyes upon it, it's still an attractive little car.

If you were to sum the feel of the Swift's cabin up in one word, it would have to be 'unpretentious'. It's not the sort of car that's gunning for the position of best in class as far as its interior is concerned, which means you can forgive the abundance of scratchy plastics that are used throughout.

The Swift won't be the subject of many complaints as far as interior space is concerned – particularly in the front. Headroom is plentiful, and while the Suzuki is a fairly compact little car, it certainly doesn't feel cramped.

Family buyers will be pleased to hear that a similar theme continues in the back seats, too. Although the new Swift might be 10mm shorter than its predecessor, headroom has not been compromised in the rear, and adults will be able to sit in comfort even if they find themselves behind a taller front passenger.

At 254 litres, boot space is hardly class leading, but it will easily swallow a couple of weekend bags and still leave a fair amount of space to spare.

The boot space swallows a couple of weekend bags

Suzuki offers the Swift with a choice of two different petrol engines. The first is the 1.0-litre, three-cylinder Boosterjet unit that has appeared in the likes of the Baleno and S-Cross and was fitted to our test car. In standard guise, it produces 110bhp and 170Nm of torque, and is capable of shifting the Suzuki from 0-60mph in a not-so-swift 10.4 seconds when paired with a manual transmission.

Our test car featured Suzuki's 'mild hybrid' system, known as SHVS. This offers a slight – although barely noticeable – boost in performance over the regular engine, while fuel economy improves from 61.4mpg to 65.7mpg. CO2 emissions stand at 97g/km with SHVS, compared with the standard engine's 104g/km.

While the Boosterjet is certainly a competent little motor, and does a good job of getting the Swift up to speed in a respectable fashion, under hard acceleration it does sound strained.

A larger 1.2-litre four-cylinder engine is also available with the Swift. It produces 89bhp and 120Nm of torque for a 0-60mph time of 11.7 seconds. This engine is also available with the SHVS system, which allows for CO2 emissions of 101g/km, while fuel economy stands at 62.8mpg on the combined cycle.

While the Swift is by no means a hugely powerful car, thanks to its small size and the fact that it weighs just 840kg, on a windy road it feels like a little go-kart. The steering is light and allows you to point the Swift where you want with ease, while the notchy five-speed manual has a purposeful feel to it.

There is a fair amount of body roll through the corners, but as far as grip is concerned, the Swift feels planted. Rough surfaces can cause it to bounce around a bit, however, so it will be interesting to see how it copes on British tarmac.

The Swift was well-mannered on the motorway, and didn't feel at all unstable at cruising speeds. While there was a fair amount of wind noise, it isn't enough to make a long journey exhausting. In town, its small proportions made navigating tight, busy streets much easier, as did its light controls.

Trim levels follow the typical Suzuki format – there's the entry-level SZ3, followed by the SZ-T and the top-of-the-line SZ5.

Suzuki can consider the new Swift a job well done. It's certainly not the most exciting car on the market, or the most luxurious, but there was something rather charming about its unpretentious, no-nonsense manner.

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New and exciting powertrains for the future

Hybrid power to boost performance

When Ford installs a hybrid powertrain in an RS or ST model it will only be done so to boost performance – that's the bold claim of the brand's global performance director Dave Pericak.

The man in charge of the Blue Oval's performance cars across the globe said that the manufacturer was looking at a variety of different technologies to enhance its hot models.

He said: "I think if we electrify performance vehicles, it will be to enhance the performance of those vehicles. You may get a fuel economy benefit as a result, but it won't be geared towards that, it will be geared towards enhancing performance. Electrification can be used to do that."

Pericak said that current technology was restricting Ford – but that may change in the future.

"If you're going to look at electrification, you want to push the boundaries of what you can do today," he said.

"So, we know we can accelerate a car pretty darn fast with electrification, we can do a lot of things, but we can't sustain it. The issue is that the technology isn't ready yet to sustain high levels of performance. You can only get bursts."

One thing is for sure, though – new and exciting powertrains are key to Ford's performance future.

Pericak added: "We're going to be open to all powertrains and all different technologies, and that's going to be part of how we continue to evolve performance products, get them better and, at the same time, improve fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions, so we'll see where we go.

"We've got a lot in the works."

Berlingo Multispace adds electric option to the range

As the benchmark leisure activity vehicle for over 20 years, the Citroën Berlingo has consistently exceeded the expectations of its customers.

The new E-Berlingo Multispace keeps all of the original car's practicality and modular design, and adds the efficiency and driving pleasure of an electric vehicle. With a range of up to 106 miles, the new model meets the needs of private customers and businesses alike, with easy charging and all the benefits of electric mobility.

The Citroën Berlingo passenger car is now available with an electric drivetrain, in the form of the E-Berlingo Multispace. The new model offers a refined, zero-emission driving experience and sets new standards in the sector for peace-of-mind and ease of use.

This new addition to the Berlingo Multispace range retains the versatile design, space, comfort and essential equipment that has made the conventionally-powered models such a benchmark in the leisure activity vehicle segment. The new E-Berlingo Multispace extends Citroën's electric vehicle range, which already includes the C-Zero, E-Mehari and Berlingo Electric LCV.

Powered by a compact and high-performance permanent magnet synchronous motor, the new vehicle accelerates swiftly and smoothly.

The new vehicle's lithium-ion battery packs are positioned in the subframe either side of the rear axle, which means the cabin layout and boot volume are retained. The E-Berlingo Multispace has a modular design that can accommodate up to five, or larger loads when the seats in row 2 are folded away. The boot volume is amongst the best in class at 675 litres with five people on-board, increasing to 3,000 litres with the second row of seats folded away. The row two seats can also be removed completely to create a fully flat load area.

The E-Berlingo is perfect for urban and suburban use, and professional applications where there is easy access to charging points. The new model offers all the benefits associated with a 100% electric vehicle, including enviromental advantages, low runnning costs, plus taxation and parking benefitsWith a range of 106 miles, measured on the NEDC cycle, the E-Berlingo Multispace is perfectly adapted to consumer use – the majority of European motorists drive less than 60 miles each day.

The new E-Berlingo Multispace will be available in the UK in the autumn

The E-Berlingo Multispace can be re-charged to 50% of its total range in 15 minutes or to 80% of capacity in 30 minutes from a dedicated rapid charge point. This uses the vehicle's D/C rapid charging port (CHAdeMO). The standard charge time is 8 hours using the 16 A, Type 2 cable or as little as 10 hours from a domestic 3-pin socket. The motor also provides regenerative braking when the vehicle is slowing down, helping to re-charge the batteries and reduce brake wear. The E-Berlingo develops 67hp (49kW) and has 200Nm of torque immediately available. The two high-capacity lithium-ion battery packs, with a combined rating of 22.5kWh, lower the car's centre of gravity for even more dynamic stability.

For an even more user-friendly experience, the new E-Berlingo Multispace comes with remote-controlled functions for use via a smartphone. These functions include a facility that allows the driver to pre-heat or cool the interior prior to accessing the vehicle. The driver can also remotely check their car's battery charge level.

There is also an innovative eco-driving assistance programme, which helps the driver adopt the most economical driving style to optimise range. The navigation system displays speed limits and traffic information, as well as charging points that can be reached by the vehicle based on the remaining range.

The E-Berlingo Multispace has lower running costs than an equivalent petrol or diesel Multispace. The traction battery is included in the price and offers peace-of-mind with an 8-year/60,000 mile warranty.

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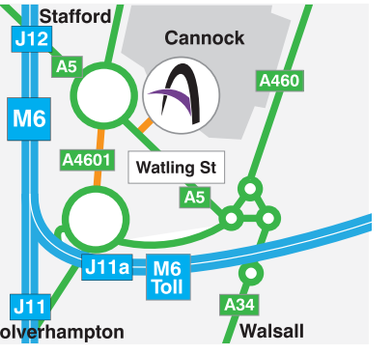

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The ST Line is one of nine different trim levels

New Ford Fiesta costs less than the outgoing model

By James Parker

The new Ford Fiesta will cost £1,000 less than the current model when it goes on sale in the UK in shortly at £12,715.

The manufacturer is bringing back a base-model Style trim – a car that was deleted from the last generation line-up – slashing the entry model price of the UK's best-selling car, which is currently on sale in dealerships from £13,795.

A spokesman for Ford said: "The Fiesta has been the best-selling car in the UK for eight years in a row and we are confident that will continue with the new model. By reintroducing the Style trim we've been able to make the Fiesta even more attractive."

At the other end of the scale, Ford will introduce a posh Vignale model to its Fiesta line-up for the first time – a model that will cost more than a Focus.

In pricing details, the firm revealed the top-of-the-range Vignale will weigh in at £20,575 for a 1.5-litre TDCI. A Ford Focus with 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine costs £19,495.

The Vignale has 17-inch alloys, unique exterior body

At the top of the tree is the Vignale

styling and front grille, leather interior, heated seats and steering wheel, panoramic roof and rearview camera as standard.

The Fiesta will come in nine different trim levels in total – three of which are new. These are Style, Zetec, B&O Play Zetec Series, Titanium, B&O Play Titanium Series, Titanium X, ST Line, ST Line X and the Vignale.

The B&O Play series – on Zetec and Titanium models – have special interior and exterior colour schemes of mint and copper, while the B&O Play system will offer an enhanced audio system with 10 speakers and a boot-mounted sub-woofer. It also boasts an eight-inch floating tablet-inspired touchscreen. They start at £15,165.

The most popular model will be the £14,215 Zetec, which currently accounts for 58 per cent of sales. This comes with 15-inch alloys, Quickclear windscreen and the SYNC 3 DAB radio system with a 6.5-inch touchscreen. Apple CarPlay comes as standard.

"With so many new Fiesta faces coming this year, including B&O Play editions for music lovers and the luxurious Vignale execution, the Fiesta is set to stay at number one," said Andy Barratt, chairman and managing director of Ford of Britain.

Prices for the sporty Fiesta ST model – which will feature a new 200bhp 1.5-litre EcoBoost three-cylinder engine – will be announced in the autumn.

The B&O Play Titanium starts at £15,165

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Kia's new efficient hybrid Niro really fits the family bill

Kia Niro First Edition

By Sharon Walters

It hardly seems a blink since Kia entered the world of the hybrid with its launch of the Niro late last summer.

Kia's first ever dedicated hybrid and first ever hybrid in the UK met with mainly high approval, and that was due to a number of things.

One of the most important factors was that Niro is not based on any other Kia but is a dedicated hybrid model developed from scratch on an all-new platform which will only ever be used for electrified vehicles. That means the design works very well unlike others which are tacked onto platforms developed solely for fossil fuel power. It also arrived with an all-new powertrain – a 1.6-litre, 104bhp internal combustion engine and a 43.5bhp electric motor driving through a six-speed double-clutch automatic transmission. Nice package.

Priced from £21,295. Niro combined the ever-increasing demand for compact crossover design with the low emissions and high fuel economy of a hybrid car. It arrived with CO2 emissions as low as 88g/km and fuel economy of up to 74.3mpg – and that was achieved thanks to helping Kia towards meeting its pledge to reduce the average emissions of its range by 25 per cent before 2020.

There are four versions of the Niro, called '1', '2', '3' and First Edition and all share the same engine and gearbox. However if you choose grades '3' or First Edition they have 18ins alloys instead of the standard 16-inchers and therefore emit more CO2, plus they use more petrol in the official test (64.2mpg plays 74.3mpg).

Kia Niro First Edition

All versions have dual zone automatic air conditioning, all electric windows, DAB radio, USB and AUX ports, trip computer, cruise control and Bluetooth connectivity.

Move to level '2' (£22,795) and additions include a reversing camera and satellite navigation, while the £24,695 grade '3' brings a bigger touchscreen and powerful JBL sound system.

Top of the range is the £26,995 First Edition which adds active cruise control, automatic emergency braking, electric sliding sunroof, leather trim and heated seats – front and rear, with a cooling facility in the two at the front. There's also the usual Kia seven years/100,000 mile warranty.

There's plenty of space inside which has a high quality finish with a wide dashboard and an upper display sector which houses the instrument panel and infotainment screen. Below is a second control area which includes heating, ventilation and driver assistance.

On the exterior there are those crossover design lines bordering on a hatchback. There are subtly sculpted surfaces and sharp lines marking Niro out as a modern Kia, and includes the Korean brand's 'tiger-nose' grille as well as the familiar broad C-pillar. A wide stance gives pointers to the car's stability and low centre of gravity, while a long bonnet, short overhangs, elevated headlights and a rising shoulder line are other Kia hallmarks. There is body cladding beneath the front and rear bumpers, along the sides and around the wheel arches. A subtle roof spoiler aids the car's aerodynamics. In fact it is a very smart car and easy to spot in a car park.

Back to the economy and that is down to you the driver. You don't even have to try to hit a figure of more than 40mpg on the motorway and if you do try a figure of almost 60mpg is easy. Over 70mpg can also be achieved if you try very hard!

Niro will manage short distances on battery power alone but for the majority of the time, the two systems work together with the battery recharging itself as you slow down and the electric motor turns itself to braking. And what is remarkable is that even with both power sources working, the car is adequately fast with no intervention from you as the gearbox chooses the right ratio for you!

I drove the Kia Niro 1.6 GDi HEV '2' DCT 6-speed on a wide variety of roads in good and absolutely atrocious weather conditions. Economy, road holding and comfort in this hybrid were excellent. If you want a family car with all of that, Niro fits the bill.

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All-new Volvo XC60 ramps up safety

By Sharon Walters

The hugely popular family SUV has been refreshed for 2017 and comes with extensive safety kit.

Volvo has pulled the wraps off the new version of its massively successful XC60 SUV – calling it one of the safest cars ever.

The SUV that it replaces has been a sales hit for the Swedish manufacturer and accounts for 30 per cent of Volvo's global sales, with nearly one million sold.

Volvo reckons the new XC60 is 'one of the safest cars ever made' as it comes with extensive safety equipment.

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Steer assist is a new addition to the City Safety system, which aims to steer the car out of trouble – it can recognise and attempt to avoid head-on crashes as well as reduce the risk of lane-changing collisions by working in conjunction with the blind spot assistant.

There are four engines available, with one petrol, two diesels and a hybrid option. The latter is a petrol-electric plug-in hybrid and sits at the top of the range with 401bhp and a 0-60mph time of 5.1 seconds.

The two diesels are available with 187bhp and 232bhp, while the petrol option delivers 251bhp.

Inside, a new climate control system can remove harmful pollutants and particles from the air entering the cabin to deliver 'Scandinavian-fresh air' for the XC60's occupants.

Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Car Group, said: "We have a strong heritage in designing stylish and dynamic SUVs that offer the latest in technology. The new XC60 will be no exception.

"It's the perfect car for an active lifestyle, and it represents the ext step in our transformation plan."

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Passed away after a short illness on March 27, 2017, aged 85 years.

Reunited with his beloved Wife Marian.

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Arnold will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at Great Wyrley Wesley Methodist Church at 1pm, followed by Committal at Stafford Crematorium.

Family flowers only please. Donations if desired for St Giles Hospice and Katharine House Hospice.

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Mary

Sadly passed away March 27, 2017, at Talbot House Nursing Home, aged 99.

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HEELEY

Harry

Passed away on March 10, 2017, aged 86 years.

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Gweneth May

(Gwen)

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SEAMAN

Gordon Horace

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TONKS

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(Nellie)

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Cyril William

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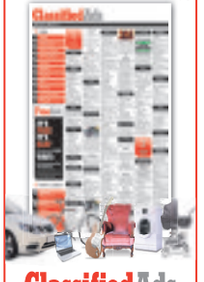

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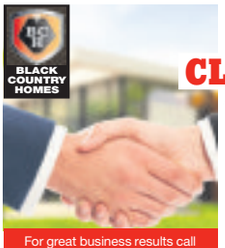

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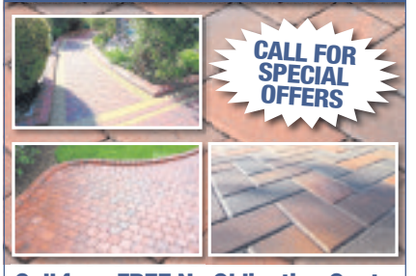

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Victory in bag for Albion but hospice the winner

Albion's Darren "Big Dave" Moore chatting with fans at half-time

The Mayor of Dudley, Mohammed Hanif, showed his support

A CHARITY football match between Stourbridge Old Boys & West Bromwich Albion Legends has raised more than £20,000 for the Mary Stevens Hospice, which provides 24-hour care for families battling the impact of life-limiting illnesses.

The game was played at Stourbridge FC's War Memorial Athletic Ground, at Amblecote, in front of a capacity crowd as the teams competed for the Jane Webb Memorial Trophy, named in remembrance of the local woman who provides the motivation for the game each year.

The day also included a huge family fun day, a sporting auction, and the opportunity for local children to have an once-in-a-lifetime matchday experience, as mascots, ball-children or flag-bearers.

Crowds were also treated to a mascot assault course sponsored by Midcalf Nicholls, with characters from the likes of West Bromwich Albion's Baggie Bird and Wolverhampton Wanderers' Wolfie joining those from Toys 'R' Us, The Tenth Lock and Mommy's Mascots in a chaotic obstacle course, which saw Baggie Bird steal an unlikely, late victory.

Amazed

After raising £15,000 in its debut year in 2016, event co-founders Matt Webb and Mark Naylor had hoped they would beat last year's sum but confessed that they found themselves "absolutely amazed" by the support the day received this year from supporters, players and volunteers.

In total, more than 40 players took part in the day, including 15 former-pros such as former Baggies skipper Darren "Big Dave" Moore, Richard Sneekes, Bob Taylor, Nigel Quashie, Geoff Horsfield and Des Lyttle.

Moore has now captained the Albion side for two years in a row, and delighted fans by playing in goal for 15 minutes at the end of the second half, before running the length of the pitch to take and score a penalty.

Fans witnessed 10 goals on the day with Albion running out 6-4 winners in a hotly-contested match under the sweltering April sun, with fans taking to Facebook and Twitter afterwards to comment how much they'd enjoyed the day.

Charity, of course, was the big winner.

The Mayor of Dudley, Mohammed Hanif, was also on hand to meet the children involved in the day and to chat to players before kick-off, alongside the Hospice CEO, captain Stevan Jackson.

Matt Webb, Stourbridge Legends captain and event co-founder said: "It really is just still sinking in.

"When you look around, and all you can see is just thousands of families enjoying the day it brings it all home. Honestly, there's no feeling like it."

He added: "I can't tell everyone involved how grateful I am for making the day possible, and thank you so much to the thousands of people who came along and supported the match, I hope they all enjoyed it and we can't wait to go again. We've got a trophy to win back!"

Mark Naylor, West Bromwich Albion Legends manager and event co-founder said: "I don't think I've ever experienced anything like that.

"To have such overwhelming support from the local community, the clubs, the charities and everyone else involved was absolutely incredible and the end result of all of that hard work was a day that we'll never forget.

"A lot of the lads have already signed up to be there next year, so we're confident of retaining our title and can't wait to do it all again!" Amanda Bowen, deputy fundraising and lottery manager said: "Matt and Mark simply can't be praised highly enough for what they've done.

"It's not just the fact that they've paid for so many families to receive our care when they need it most, it's the day they create for the community.

"They bring people together to simply enjoy being together as a family and watch absolute superstars roll back the years.

"The work that has gone into this event has been absolutely huge, and to see it all come together in the way it did was just so special."

She added: "So we'd like to say thank you to the supporters who turned up in their thousands, the volunteers who make days like this possible, the staff who have worked so hard, West Bromwich Albion and Stourbridge for being so, so supportive of the event and, maybe most importantly, Jane Webb for raising such an incredibly kind-hearted man. She also took care of the weather, which was more than we could ever have asked."

Memorabilia

After the game, a sporting auction and post-match party took place in the Stourbridge FC club house, with signed and match-worn memorabilia donated by a plethora of first-team West Bromwich Albion stars including Ben Foster, Gareth McAuley, James Morrison, Chris Brunt and the recently-departed Jonas Olsson.

In the midst of everything going on, on the day, the thousands in attendance also perfectly observed a minute's silence before kick-off, to pay their respects to the Wilkinson family whose devastating loss has shocked the town this week.

All involved in the organisation of this event would like those affected to know that their hearts and thoughts are with them at "this impossibly difficult time".

To find out more about the work of the Mary Stevens Hospice, visit www.marystevenshospice.co.uk

● Images and videos from the day are available to view on the hospice Facebook page: www.facebook.com/marystevenshospice

SPORTING FEATURE

By Dan Malin

A lot of the lads have already signed up to be there next year, so we're confident of retaining our title and can't wait to do it all again!

Testing time for Josh as new season starts

TEENAGE race ace Josh Hiatt enjoyed his first proper run out on his new KTM bike during an official test day at Mallory Park.

The Cannock starlet, just 14, has made the step up from the Mextrakit series to compete in this year's KTM Cup, which supports the British Superbike series.

Hiatt will be one of the youngest riders on the grid this season, which began last weekend. He was working hard on his fitness behind the scenes ahead of the campaign getting under way.

Father Nigel said: "Josh met all the riders from the championship and he also got in lots of track time too, which was good. I think Josh will be one of the youngest riders on the grid because with the changes some of them will be 22-years-old this year."

Nigel said testing went well at Mallory Park, with the bike working and his son getting quicker every time he went out.

"It was encouraging because it's a much bigger bike than the one he's used to riding," he said. "But he's still enjoying it every time he goes out. He seems to find riding a two-stroke rather than a four-stroke.

"He's getting more and more confident on it."

Erin runs and swims to top five position

A DUDLEY schoolgirl has become one of the top five biathletes in the country. Erin Maher was one of three pupils from Maidensbridge Primary in Wall Heath who travelled to London's Crystal Palace National Sports Centre for the British Schools Modern Biathlon Championships.

And after shattering a number of personal bests on the track and in the pool, the Year 6 pupil secured an impressive fifth place overall in the under-11s girls' category.

Erin, Amie Parker and Jamie Hiscox, who all attend the Beachcroft Road school, qualified for the championships through their performances in two qualifying events in October and November last year.

Modern Biathlon involves an 800m run followed by a 50m swim. Each performance is awarded points and then combined to produce final standings.

Amie's hopes of similar success were dashed by an ankle injury in the 800m, while Jamie finished 78th out of 165 in the under-11 boys' category.

Dean Nolan, deputy headteacher at Maidensbridge Primary, said: "We are very proud of what these children have achieved."

Erin is also the current Dudley Schools' cross-country champion.

Quiet Men Gethin has big shout at title

IT'S been a whirlwind three months for Walsall boxer Martin Gethin – from the clutches of retirement to competing for the WBO Inter-Continental title and winning an IBF International belt in-between.

'The Quiet Man' defeated Liam Richards in front of a few hundred fans at Walsall Town Hall back in November in what was supposed to be his farewell fight in his hometown.

Just days later he got the call to travel to London for the IBF International super lightweight title at Wembley Arena and overcame John Wayne Hibbert with fourth round knockout.

That victory has now landed Gethin a shot at the WBO Inter-Continental Super Lightweight title against the highly-rated 23-year-old Jack Catterall at the Manchester Arena on Saturday, a bout broadcast live on Boxnation and BT Sport.

Also on the card, Terry Flanagan defends his WBO lightweight title while super welterweight rivals, Liam Smith and Liam Williams, go toe-to-toe.

Double Olympic gold medallist Nicola Adams will make her pro bow, alongside fellow debutant and amateur stand-out Daniel Dubois.

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Title-chasers pull back to beat Scholars

Witton Albion 3 Chasetown 2

CHASETOWN pushed title-chasing Witton Albion all the way, but ultimately succumbed to a narrow defeat in the Evo-Stik League Division One South.

Second-placed Albion took the lead after nine minutes with a far post header from Rob Hopley.

Chasetown deservedly levelled on the half-hour mark after a period of pressure, with Liam Holt nipping in to score and the visitors took the lead after a handball inside the box with Jack Langston converting the penalty.

Witton equalised just three minutes after the interval, Karl Noon taking the ball around Curtis Pond to slot home and Brad Bauress fired home the winner after receiving the ball from Noon.

Chasetown were unlucky not to get a deserved equaliser with a Mitch Piggon header just wide in the last five minutes.

Scholars were at home to Rushden & Diamonds on Tuesday night, but have a big derby game in prospect on April 11, with a trip to Hednesford for the Staffordshire Senior Cup, kick off at 7.45pm.

The funeral of club founder and president Brian Baker, who died at 79, takes place tomorrow (Friday).

The service will be at St Anne's Chasetown at 10am, followed by family internment at the crematorium.

Everyone is welcome to attend at Chasetown FC after the funeral. Family flowers only are requested.

Next Thursday, Wolves are sending a mixed u-18 and u-23 side to the Scholars Ground for a testimonial game in honour of long-serving defender Chris Slater. Kick off is at 7.15pm.

With a club record appearances of 573 (and counting), Slater began his career at Molineux as understudy to Joleon Lescott.

His career at Chasetown spans 14 seasons, broken only by signing professional terms for Port Vale before returning to the Scholars, initially on loan in 2008.

Ex-boss Charlie Blakemore, who was instrumental in the arrangement of the fixture, said: "It should make for a nice night for him and his family."

Sporting chance to end leaders' 20-game streak

WOLVERHAMPTON Sporting boss Andy Paddock was expecting a tough test in a top of the table West Midlands League clash against leaders Haughmond on Tuesday night.

Haughmond had won 20 games in a row before the clash, but Paddock was hoping his players could preserve their own record at home. Sporting have not been beaten all season at Pride Park, Hazel Lane, Great Wyrley.

The boss has been boosted by the recent signings of four new strikers following the departure of Dan Westwood to AFC Telford United and Sporting were going into the game on the back of a 4-2 win away to rock-bottom Gornal Athletic on Saturday, with one new boy Stuart Hillman on target.

Paddock said: "It will be a tough ask. But we are unbeaten at home so we will want to keep that as long as possible."

Trio show Adrenaline to lift titles

Zachary Evans, Oliver Partridge, Keri Webster

THE latest kickboxing champions have rolled off the production line at a Brownhills gym.

Zachary Owen, aged 18, powered his way to the World Kickboxing Union (WKU) world crown, while Ashley Balram became an area champion at the 'Hammertime' show at Hammerwich Cricket Club. Keri Webster collected a world crown, while Kayleigh Goodwin beat Welsh opponent Jasmine Evans to become Celtic champion and Oliver Partridge, just 11-years-old, collected his second English title.

All are members of Adrenaline gym, which has been in operation for just two years. Zachary's brother Owen, who now represents a gym in Kent, was crowned British K1 champion. There were victories on the night for Kyriea Williams, Naomi Powis and Carl Port, while success followed at the KWON Grand Slam in Solihull, with Williams and Casey Smith striking gold. Smith and Liam Mason also returned with silvers.

Instructor Chris Bladon, a former world champion, said: "They all work really hard and they deserve their success."

Jack Wiles, holder of an ISKA British title is also on the Adrenaline books. Call 07976 371681.

Kickboxing

BENBOW GOAL DENIES PITMEN

Hednesford Town 1 Stourbridge 1

A STUNNING Luke Benbow free-kick grabbed a late share of the spoils for visitors Stourbridge on Monday night.

The Glassboys started on the front foot and almost took the lead in the fourth minute when Leon Broadhurst saw an effort from 25 yards deflected just past the post.

Kayleden Brown twice failed to trouble Dan Crane in the Hednesford goal before Jordan Nadat had the Pitmen's best chance.

Stourbridge twice came close as Benbow hit the crossbar in the 64th minute before Dan Preston hit the post three minutes later and the Pitmen went on to take the lead, Nadat flicking on for Danny Glover to turn home.

Hednesford almost added a second in the 82nd minute as Nadat saw a shot well saved. But Benbow fired home a wonderful free-kick to bring his side level.

Mickleover 0 Hednesford Town 1

THE Pitmen began their run of four Evo-Stik games in eight days with a trip to Derbyshire – and returned with three points against a team fighting to stay in the division.

Mickleover probably had the best of the first-half chances but their goalkeeper Nick Draper was called into action in the 10th minute to deny Tony Clarke with a fine reflex save.

The Pitmen started to look more assertive in midfield in the second half and, after surviving a scare in the 50th minute when Andy Dales saw his shot rebound off the post, began to get more possession.

The winner came from a corner, the impressive Joe Ballinger powering the ball into the roof of the net with his right foot.

After entertaining Halesowen last night (Wednesday), the Pitmen host Matlock on Saturday, then Chasetown in the Staffs Senior Cup next Tuesday.

A fundraising skittles night raised £250 for Hednesford Town FC Supporters' Association.

Dave Winfindale takes the plaudits for knocking down all nine skittles at the Keys Park Chase Suite, to win the adult prize. James Webb won the youngsters' award. Co-organiser Kevin Fearn claimed the one-ball shoot-out prize.

The Association is currently working on raising funds for a disabled shelter at Keys Park.

Spot the ball – Pitmen's Tony Clarke goes up for a header at Mickleover

Drop fears eased as Hayes romp home

Heath Hayes 4 Southam 0

THIS win following on from a draw against Littleton in midweek should go a long way to ease Hayes' relegation fears.

Assistant Manager Gavin Saunders was bought into the team to add leadership and nous and it made a significant difference as he was the game's outstanding player for the time he was on the field. It was a Saunders volley which gave Hayes the start they wanted after four minutes quickly followed by another from Damion Salt on nine.

The visitors did rally, briefly playing some neat football but Dean Faultless in the home goal was never really troubled.

Luke Delaney made it three on 32 minutes but the visitors defended resolutely with their keeper Harry Gardiner in outstanding form.

Alex Scott and Harry Phillips were introduced in place of the injured Brad Rolston and the tiring Saunders on the hour before Salt's second completed a comfortable victory.

Hayes are at home to Cadbury on Saturday.

Still up for grabs with two to play

Burntwood 30 Telford Hornets 0

WITH two rounds of games to go, it is still all up for grabs between the top three sides in the chase for promotion. All three earned bonus point wins on Saturday although Ludlow are favourites to lift the title.

With several regulars absent due to injuries or unavailability, Burntwood pressed the likes of back rower Graham Shelley into service along with Ollie Whitehouse and James Langford into a re-shuffled back division and they didn't disappoint.

The scoreline may be harsh on the visitors but what Burntwood lacked in creativity they made up for in solid defence to deny Telford a single score.

Sean Latham's side gradually worked their way into the game and Aza Dunet kicked them into an eighth minute lead, adding a second attempt after 15.

Luke Rookyard stretched over the line for the opening try with five minutes left of the first half.

Billy Fisher featured twice in the attack which led to Burntwood's second try on 47 minutes. He began it by racing into Telford territory from his own half. Shelley was in support then Fisher again before Rookyard went over for his second try. Dunet added the extras for 18-0.

The decisive moment came just four minutes later. With Telford threatening in the home 22, Langford intercepted to run three-quarters of the length of the pitch for a try under the posts which Dunet converted. Adam Black's try completed the scoring.

The second XV hosted Ludlow 2nds and a very enjoyable contest went to Burntwood by 52-26.

On Saturday Burntwood play their last away match of the season at Uttoxeter. The 2nd XV welcome Wolverhampton 3rds.

Hosts go joint top after late winner

Brereton Social 1 Cannock United 0

A STRONGLY-fought first half saw the teams go in honours even.

Both teams had chances, the more noticeable came from Brereton with Cannock clearing two attempts off the line

It was a very good game of football with chances at either end, but both keepers keeping the scoreline even.

A speculative cross on 85 minutes saw Brereton's Brown get the faintest of touches to loop the ball in under the bar for the win. Brereton are now joint leaders.

Cannock host Whittington on Saturday.

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